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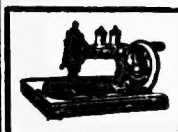

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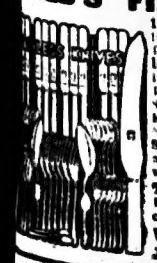

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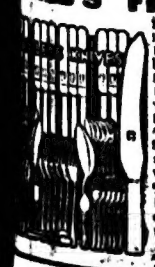

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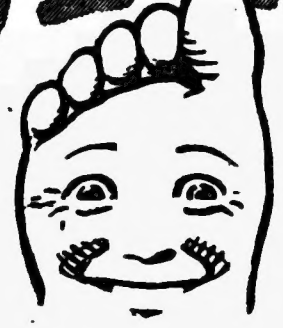

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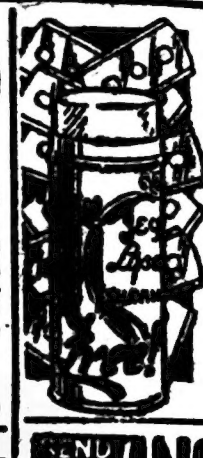

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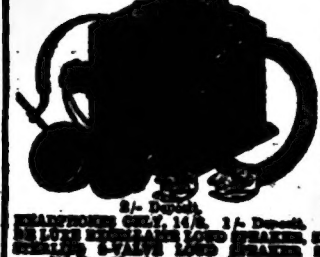

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Liberals in the country have watched im-...iently their figure-heads negotiating a "pact." ... the Liberal Party it is plainly a choice between ...on and confusion.

... Together.
The new Liberal Organisation Committee—if ... "fusion" scheme goes through—would consist ... a "neutral" chairman and two members from ...h wing. Rank-and-file Liberals don't care ...ch who they are, if only the five fingers will close ...firmly into a fist with a punch.

...k the Marquis.
Head of the group that is buying the Lloyd ...rge control of the *Daily Chronicle*, the Marquis ... Reading re-enters politics as a Liberal force. ...may prove a unifying force.

... Talk.
While Ministers babble of Empire cotton ...ncashire puts spindles out of service. Mean-...ile America could send her cheap supplies to ...rt the looms humming. Why miss the golden ...portunity?

Cotton's Example to Coal.
When Mr. Keynes denounced the Lancashire cotton trade's short-time policy as ruinous, they sent for their critic at once to go into the question. Why don't the coalowners call in Sir Herbert Samuel?

An Electric England.
Reactionary attempts to hold up the Electricity Bill must be scotched. It isn't the final word, but Lord Weir hit the truth when he said the necessity for it is overwhelming.

Fuel of the Future.
New plant for making power alcohol from waste will shortly be erected in this country. In use it is safer than petrol. We may yet see those smokeless cities we dream of.

Once More Wheels Whirl.
After being idle for months, work has been resumed at the Dorman, Long and Company's steelworks at Middlesbrough. When the coal trucks rattle the commercial lifeblood flows, and that spells health for the kiddies and the home.

No Ca' Canny at Cardiff.
Sir William Reardon Smith, of Cardiff, has placed orders for four new vessels with a total tonnage of 29,000, two at Glasgow and two at Sunderland. It's good to hear the shipyards hum again.

All for a Bit of 'Baccy.
Contracts amounting to more than £500,000 have been received by Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons to build Carreras', Ltd., new factory in London. That'll make a brighter outlook for many a man this winter in the building trade.

Derby's Determination.
Derby means to house its citizens. Twenty miles of streets for new houses have been made by direct labour and 3,871 dwellings are already up. That's the stuff to give 'em!

The Food Ramp.
The average level of retail prices, 79 per cent. above that of July, 1914, compared with 74 last month and 76 a year ago, is said to be "mainly due" to coal rises. On the contrary, it's a game of get-and-grab, wholly due to greed and profiteering.

Cuban Output Restricted.
Excited gambling is taking place over future sugar supplies. It's in the sale-rooms where prices go up. Dealers bag the swag. Housewives pay the piper.

On with the Dance.
In 1913 Great Britain was spending £72,436,000 upon armaments. Reducing the estimates to pre-war price level she is now spending £79,500,000. A 10 per cent. increase on devil's machinery is a poor way to convince the world of a sincere desire for peace.

LAST WEEK! £1,500 LAST WEEK!
—and 1,387 Christmas Prizes in "Bullets" this week!
Harry up!
See page 47.

A Sound Remedy.
Boxmakers feel resentment that some employers are dismissing men and employing women and little girls in their places. Equal pay for equal work would end the trouble—in fact, it's the only way.

Preventable, If——
Between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000 weeks of work are lost yearly through ill-health by workers who are registered under the National Insurance scheme. Mostly due to ignorance and neglect, it only needs a bit more thought and wisdom to prevent it.

At Youngsters.
Of 194,000 school children examined in London last year 126,000 had sound teeth, and 48,000 were given dental treatment. The better the breed the better the treatment must be the motto.

No "Taint" There.
Winslow Guardians must have a fine lot of officials managing their institution. When a member of the board fell ill he chose to enter the infirmary as a paying-guest, feeling he would be best looked after there. The fact speaks for itself.

Conquering Death.
Mrs. Lucy Hackforth, of Spalding, has celebrated her 103rd birthday, and the Hon. Mrs. Katherine Plunket her 106th. Laws of health are understood and centenarians a commonplace. That we still lose thousands of infants yearly points to stupidity in our social arrangements.

Widows' Mites.
Margaret Bondfield asks details of the widows who have lost pensions on the grounds of immoral conduct. It is scandalous that action should ever be taken on anonymous communications. Enquiries must be searching, and evidence of guilt irrefutable.

Red-tape Delays.
We would protest also against the delay in granting widows' allowances. Often these poor women are left without a penny for as long as three months after the death of the breadwinner, and they are forced to become paupers for relief. Officials must wake up.

Christmas Cheer.
The Buckingham Guardians have decided to increase the workhouse allowance of beer to those inmates who want it by half a pint on Christmas day. It's a small concession; but the guardians show a humane spirit by granting it.

The Puzzle.
How is it that co-operative societies who have no middlemen's charges to meet, do not sell their coal at a lower price than the ordinary dealer? Dividends to members hardly meet the case. It's cheap coal the poor are needing.

A Bad Move.
When a man sought to send a present, costing 10s., to a friend in Australia, he was informed that the duty would amount to 3s. plus 2s. 6d. entry tax. Surely this is not the way to help Empire trade.

THE WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Buried Talent.

Thomas Sandilands, a fifteen-year-old lad who left Wales because of the distress, was heard singing at his work in a London hotel. His voice was wonderful, and he is being trained as a public singer. Just one example of a round peg being plucked from the square hole. But what of the others ?

Echoing Us.

"The one and only means of restoring prosperity is by increasing production and at the same time lowering its cost." These are the words of Sir George Hunter, K.B.E., D.Sc., and we quote them because they are a repetition of the policy we have so often urged. At the same time, we would emphasise the warning that cost of production must not be reduced solely at the expense of the worker. Low wages mean small purchasing power, and that means stagnation.

Honour the Fire Brigade.

How much our modern, congested cities owe to the fire-fighters is illustrated in statistics published by the London Fire Brigade. Last year no fewer than 4,266 fires broke out involving a loss of £600,000, the sacrifice of ninety-three lives and injury to 417 persons. What the damage to life and property would have been without the efforts of these brave fellows no man can compute. And the worst of it is that the firemen themselves testify that most fires are entirely due to carelessness.

School Teacher's Fight.

After fifteen months' work at Paisley Street Junior School, Hull, as a certificated teacher, Miss M. O'Brien was curtly informed by the Director of Education, Hull, that certain charges of inefficiency had been made against her and that she must resign. Miss O'Brien has battled with the authorities for over a year now in a fruitless endeavour to secure an opportunity of clearing her name. The charges are calculated to ruin her professionally, and it is scandalous that an opportunity for defence should have been denied her.

Cattish Action.

Because the father of Edith Howe, a Wingate miner, had gone back to work, Sarah Jane Devine, secretary of the Wingate Labour Women, wrote to the girl's employer intimating that unless she was dismissed as a "blackleg's daughter" the district would be canvassed and a report sent to Labour headquarters. At Castle Eden, for this "cowardly and dastardly action, in intimidating a girl to take away her livelihood," Sarah Jane was fined £50. It was a heavy sum, but heavier still is the injury Sarah Jane has done to her Party. We advise the Labour women to get another secretary. This sort of conduct is scandalous.

The Woman's Part.

We like the glowing tribute to his wife paid in his will by the late Mr. Alfred Holness, of Glen Allan, Friern Road, East Dulwich. Without her "splendidly intelligent support, counsel, and unswerving devotedness" the testator felt he could not have accomplished his life-work, and he evidently believed that there can be few parallels to her gentle life and influence as wife, mother, companion and true friend. But that is where Mr. Holness goes wrong. There are many such faithful, helpful partners in the lives of business men, but they don't always get the same generous notice.

Torturing a Mother.

Stanley Owen, a seaman, is a rank bad lot, and the three months awarded him at Blackwood Police Court does not nearly meet his deserts. He called on a Mrs. Brown, of Cwmfelinfach, and told her he had come from a firm of London solicitors because her son had stolen £60 from a hotel and had hidden the money in the house. If a substantial part were not forthcoming he led her to believe that she also would be arrested. He instructed her to send 30s. to a post-office at Cardiff. In face of the fact that he had previously been convicted eight times, this impudent scoundrel should count himself lucky.

His Personal Courage.

When Lord Grey of Fallodon was threatened with blindness he wasted no time in useless repining. Setting to work with a will he taught himself to learn Braille, and even now, when his eyesight is better, he keeps up practice. Where there's a will there's a way. Lord Grey sets us all an example that there's no situation so bad that courage can't improve it.

The Miner's Doom.

Soon after he returned to work, George Clarke, a twenty-four-year-old miner, of Margate Road, Ramsgate, was crushed beneath many tons of falling roof. The gallant lad saw it pending, saw there was no hope of his own escape, but could think of his mate and shout a warning to jump clear. It is one more terrible proof of the fact that the miner's daily work means his hourly danger.

Brotherhood of the Sea.

When the French ketch, *Rosa Lynne*, was wrecked on the rocks at Mixon, the Selsey lifeboat performed a wonderful feat by running alongside and persuading the reluctant crew to jump to safety. Not even the dog or cat was missing and all were safely taken into Portsmouth harbour. The bigger the sea the greater the bravery is ever the story of British lifeboats and their splendid crews of men.

A Pretty Pair.

The brothers George and Isaac Lamb, of Gateshead, are dangerous ruffians. The wife of the former, while walking down a street in Newcastle, found her arms seized from behind by Isaac, who held them while her husband slashed at her face with a cobbler's knife. Her lip was badly injured, and the tip of her nose was cut off completely. George was sentenced to six months' hard labour and his brother to two. Evidently violent hooliganism is deemed a trivial offence on the Tyne.

The Human Machine

The Great Idea

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IT is the tendency of mankind to scoff at new ideas and to jeer at pioneers. Whereby mankind is sadly in the wrong, for nothing that ever happened to make the world a better place to live in did not first have its origin in a simple idea.

And someone had to be the pioneer. Someone had to take the idea and try it out to see if it really would work.

"There are two sorts of people in the world," says Henry Ford, "those who pioneer and those who plod. The plodders always attack the pioneers.

"They say that the pioneers have gobbled up all the opportunity, when, as a plain matter of fact, the plodders would have nowhere to plod had not the pioneers first cleared the way."

And sometimes the plodders say that the pioneers are mad. How can they know unless they try out the ideas ?

THE tendency to laugh at everything new probably springs a good deal from the fact that, while almost anybody can think up an idea, very few people can take hold of an idea and turn it into something practical.

It is so much easier to laugh than to do a bit of hard work !

Never laugh at a man with an idea. He may be another Darwin, a Newton or a Marconi.

The only safe thing to do is to have a look at his idea and see what you can do towards linking it up with the practical world.

And if you think a little you will see that that is one way of creating opportunities.

Robbing the Dead.

Sidney Maiden searched the wreckage of t L.M.S. express, near Rotherham, where nine li were lost, for loot and stole a mackintosh. T ghoul, for so the Rotherham magistrate righ described him, had to pay £5 and even then l his plunder, which was valued at 10s. It see incredible that such a contemptible cur is bred these days of public enlightenment. He is dead the ordinary feelings of humanity.

All in the Day's Work.

Captain Macready of the Glasgow collier *Co beath* not only justifies his own calling, but h reason to be proud of his crew. When the g was at its worst in the North Sea the *Carbe* sighted the German schooner *Anne Marie* fly signals of distress. The latter was sinking. wh without hesitation Captain Macready took ship across the stern and the crew of the doom vessel jumped aboard. Only thoroughly f seamanship could have performed such a feat.

A Girl's Grit.

Hearing an "awful noise" at the front do Miss Helena Delacy, of Bergholt Crescent, Sta ford Hill, looked through a glass panel and s three men pushing against it. They walked aw on observing her. She told her aged father t she was going after them, and she managed catch one, who threw away something which with a metallic ring. Then a policeman, off du chanced upon the scene, who took charge of t man, and a jemmy was picked up near by. plucky a girl commands our sincerest admirati

Blessing in Disguise.

Florence Astill, smartly dressed and but ni teen years of age, appeared at Grimsby Pol Court charged with stealing a handbag. The g was out of work, had only threepence in b possession, and had fallen into bad compan She had been drifting from town to town, worki intermittently as servant of nursemaid, and h not communicated with her parents in Derbysh for over a year. She was bound over, and t police undertook to pay her fare home. In t case good came out of ill, and if the girl has a sense of gratitude she will profit by the experien

Penalising Motherhood.

A good deal of ink is being spilled becau Twickenham Higher Education Committee h dismissed Mrs. Turnadge, a £600-a-year he mistress, because she has become a mother. T committee are entitled to the opinion that moth hood is a full-time job, but as Mrs. Turnadge h only two more years to serve for a pension of £1 a year, it would have been better to have eith granted the pension or to have let her remain office for another two years. To make moth hood a cause for dismissal is to make it an economi crime and to encourage birth prevention.

Ever Ready !

A man rushed along the Thames Embankme and shouted to the training-ship, *H.M.S. Preside* that there was a woman in the river about yards away. Swiftly a dinghy was lowered fr a pontoon, and, guided by a searchlight, the cr located her. Lt.-Com. Mitchell, R.N.V.R., div for the woman and brought her safely to the bo Full speed back to the ship, where restorativ were ready, and artificial respiration was appli When consciousness returned the patient w removed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. O more mark for the gallant British Navy !

For the Underdog.

If ever woman deserved the simple name Christian that honour is won by Miss L. Jeffer who with broken health has now retired from t post of superintendent nurse at Christchurch P Law Institution. Wherever homeless wande go they carry with them stories of her kindn and charity. Day and night, for twenty-seve years, she has tended the poor and sick a ailing, untiring and without complaint. To homeless and friendless was the only passpo needed to her heart. The life of such a woma breathes true greatness.

Yankee Bluffers.

After being pestered for some time by a Yankee correspondence school, a Colchester reader is now being favoured with pressing communications from a concern styled "The United States National Adjustment Company." The latest bears the heading "Lettergram," and states that the company is "now ready to bring action" unless the gentleman pays up ten dollars by return mail. We advise him to ignore this bluff.

A Beast Cornered.

An eleven-year-old girl described at the Monmouth Assizes her ordeal at the hands of a Maltese fireman, Robert Bishop, before a coal-trimmer, Albert Edward Hale, came to the rescue, and brought the scoundrel out of a field at the point of a gun. The judge told Bishop he had been guilty of a horrible offence, and sentenced him to seven years' penal servitude. Hale was thanked for the service he had rendered in arresting the beast. He well deserved the commendation.

Capture by Letter.

Hitherto to address a child at school has been a safe and easy means of making an appointment. Now the serious danger of possible attempts to get hold of children for improper purposes is to be averted. In future any letters addressed to children in any of the London County Council schools will be forwarded to their parents or guardians unopened. This safeguard must be put into operation everywhere when young people attend day-schools. It is a common-sense move.

The Warning.

When Lewis Stanley Teller, a youth of eighteen, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing a diamond ring from Miss Doris Mary Hope, of Aristotle Road, Clapham, it transpired that she and another girl had accepted a "ride home" in his car. Instead he drove them on to Wimbledon Common, where they were forced to spend the night. The inference is clear. So long as girls accept joy trips late at night so long may they expect trouble. Miss Hope and her friend are lucky they escaped with no worse.

Strange Leniency.

When William Tickell, a young man of nineteen, living at Columshill Street, Rothesay, seized a little girl of nine in a lonely pass, it was only by the timely intervention of persons passing that serious harm to the little one was averted. Charged at the police-court Tickell admitted his guilt, and Provost Hicks, after a "serious warning," deferred sentence until March 1 next year to "see how he behaves himself." To refuse to convict unless a child is morally injured for life is to directly encourage one of the most disgusting offences civilisation is troubled with.

The Story of Many.

Mrs. Mary Edwards and her four-year-old son were recently found shivering upon the tow-path of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal at Bootle. It was midnight, and, in the opinion of the police who found them, a double tragedy was narrowly averted. When she was subsequently charged with sleeping out without visible means of support it transpired that this unhappy woman's story was the story of many. She was a victim of moneylenders. The toll of tragic misery which must be laid at Shylock's door is heavy indeed!

"Consumption Homes Scandal."

In our issue of September 11 last, we criticised the Southern Convalescent Homes, Lancing, particularly as to the shortage and quality of the food supplied. Our comments were based upon reports of meetings of the Hackney Board of Guardians. We have since made exhaustive enquiries and have ascertained that several other Boards of Guardians have expressed satisfaction with regard to the conduct of these homes and we are satisfied that the homes are in fact properly conducted. We therefore express our regret for having been misled in making the criticism above referred to, and trust that this announcement will remove any doubt that may exist as to the proper management of the homes and wish the same every success in their good work.

Jazz Drummer's Dashed Hopes.

A gentleman who answered an advertisement calling for jazz instrumentalists got into touch with Ernest Greene, professionally known as "Jack London," and paid £2 for a place in the latter's band. No job materialised, and finally Mr. Greene wrote to say that he had joined another show and would refund the would-be drummer's £2 "in the course of a few days." That promise was made on October 5, but our reader is still waiting for his money.

Dilatory Drapers.

We recently approached Messrs. H. Mosler and C. Appleby, of Percy Street, W.C., on behalf of a South African reader who had forwarded £3 for certain goods that had not materialised. We were informed that rather than have a dissatisfied customer the firm would refund the money. It is now twelve months since our reader parted with his cash, and though we have written several times to remind the company of its promise, nothing has happened.

An Additional Lure.

Last week we told an amusing story of gold going begging in Mauritius. H. G. McWilliam, of Totton, Hants, who was anxious to secure an investing partner to finance an expedition to recover the gold, is now holding out an additional lure. He suggests that the expedition should also embrace orchid hunting and writes: "Knowing the big prices which are frequently given for orchids, I think we shall pay expenses with these." He is nothing if not optimistic.

A Case for Caution.

A Yarmouth reader has written to ask our advice concerning an offer to join a firm of "horticultural merchants." As the offer emanates from S. Hardy, of Palace Mansions, Palace Gardens, Enfield, N., we would urge our reader to let it drop. S. Hardy has for a long time followed the practice of persuading people to invest in his nursery ventures and his record is not a pleasant one.

A Generous Loan.

A gentleman who found himself in reduced circumstances approached a moneylender named Henry Dawson, of Vigo Street, Regent Street, London, W., with a view to effecting a loan of £30. Mr. Dawson promptly sent a promissory note for £45, offering to forward £30 as soon as the note was signed. The borrower was to pay back £5 a month for nine months with the usual proviso that the whole amount should become instantly payable in the event of one default. What generosity!

Disappointing Parrots.

H. Holland, of Stapleford, Notts, deals in parrots, and complaints reach us from readers who declare that his birds are not according to guarantee. Two readers have sent back birds that were unsatisfactory with the request that they should be exchanged or the money refunded. Mr. Holland has "offered" to send other birds to replace them, but the offers are a long time being fulfilled. Moral: Don't buy parrots—or anything else—through the post, unless you know with whom you are dealing.

Jobs Abroad.

Circulars headed "The Ajax Bureau" are finding their way to this country from Belgium, and many readers are writing for advice. It appears that the bureau, which operates from 68, Rue De Laeken, Brussels, is offering its services to job-seekers in this country in return for 10s. membership fee. It claims to have many excellent positions on its books "only waiting to be filled." We think, nevertheless, that it would be prudent to call for fuller particulars before sending the 10s.

READER'S HOME GUTTED
"JOHN BULL" to the rescue!
See page 2.

Problems of Life

The Marks of a Gentleman

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

IT has recently been my privilege to listen to an excellent short speech made by the celebrated author, Mr. John Galsworthy, on behalf of a local charity.

Mr. John Galsworthy

Part of the address was a eulogy of Charles Dickens, not merely as a writer and a creative genius gifted with unsurpassed powers of imagination, but as a big-hearted Englishman.

Mr. Galsworthy suggested that the predominance of simple human kindness in Dickens had something to do with instilling this quality into our national character. He did not think that as a people we had been specially noted for geniality and sympathy before Dickens began to write.

It has been said by critics that Dickens never succeeded in any of his literary creations in depicting a gentleman.

But what is a gentleman?

WITHOUT attempting an exhaustive definition, one may endorse the description given in the correspondence columns of a newspaper not long ago: "A gentleman is a person who considers other people's feelings before his own and is above taking personal offence."

Tested by this standard some so-called gentlemen are found wanting, and some not usually counted among the gentry stand high.

The pose of cold indifference to one's company, for instance, is sheer bad manners, though in certain circles it is stupidly imagined to be good form.

Haughty insolence is worse; so is condescension; so is taking liberties in intercourse with a comparative stranger.

Anything that savours of lack of respect for the person you are talking to is ungentlemanly, no matter how you pride yourself on your easy bearing in society.

It can never be proper conduct to make an unoffending fellow-creature uncomfortable; neither is touchiness nor the desire to draw attention to oneself.

THE man who is over-ready to resent affronts or complain of injuries inflicted upon himself is no gentleman; no more is he who makes haste to justify himself at other people's expense.

Contrariwise, he is a gentleman who habitually, and on principle, subordinates his own personal convenience and, if necessary, his standing in the community to the general good.

There is a fine portrait of a gentleman in the Bible (the fifteenth Psalm): "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. . . . He that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not."

A PRINCE'S ADVENTURE

BID FOR A CITY CAREER

A Galaxy of Orders

THE post-war years have brought this country a plethora of foreign aristocrats from the disturbed countries of Europe. Russia and Austria, in particular, have sent their quotas.

Varied are the experiences that have befallen the bearers of illustrious titles, and we are accustomed to find counts, arch-dukes and even pr nces in strange and incongruous circumstances.

We received less of a shock, therefore, than we might have done in former years to receive the other day a communication from His Serene Highness the Duke of Saxe-Noricum, not from an ancestral castle in Ruritania, but from a modest and unromantic address in the vicinity of Holborn.

The duke's modest signature

The duke's reason for approaching us related to an article in one of our recent issues, when we criticised our old friend Mr. Henry Allen Ashton, of the London Financial Service, Ltd., for certain transactions on the Continent in wh ch he had made use of the name of the "Duke of Saxe-Noricum (His Highness the Most Illustrious and Most Noble Lord Hugh George de Willmot Newman)."

The duke, who modestly subscribed himself "Saxe-Noricum, P," meaning of course Prince, informed us that although he had authorised Mr. Ashton to submit his name as a director to "any sound company" which he might be employed to form, he did not authorise him to use it in the way our article suggested.

He requested that we should make his letter public, and we are, of course, delighted to do so. Not only did we readily consent to print his explanation, but we took steps to have an interview with the duke in person so that he might further elucidate the mystery of the use of his ducal name.

We did not find him at the Holborn address, but were informed by a business firm having chambers there that any letters addressed to the duke would be forwarded to him.

Deeply pained

We did write and received a reply from a Mr. L. H. Jee, who described himself as "Secretary to His Serene Highness the Duke of Saxe-Noricum, K.G.F."

"As His Highness is out of town for a few days," wrote Mr. Jee, "I am commanded to attend to this matter during his absence.

"Monseigneur is deeply pained that his name should have been used in the way in which it appears to have been.

"He first heard of the London Financial Service, Limited, through the partnership column of the *Daily Telegraph*, in which there appeared an impressive advertisement stating that companies were formed and capital obtained on the cheapest possible terms.

"With the view of supplementing his income he then arranged an interview with Mr. Henry Allen Ashton, the managing director of the London Financial Service."

The letter goes on to explain how he was shown a book written by Mr. Ashton entitled "A Thousand Questions on Company Law," and letters from a judge and others complimenting the editor.

Ashton's apology

In view of the advertisement in such a reputable paper, of Ashton's luxurious offices, and of so many complimentary letters, "Mon-

His Serene Highness himself, who sports the Order of the Golden Fleece.

seigneur did not consider it necessary to in any way investigate the reputation of the London Financial Service."

He therefore arranged that his name should be submitted to any of Mr. Ashton's companies of standing as a director, on condition that he should first approve the draft memorandum and articles of association, and also that his director's fees should not be less than £250 per annum.

"He had never heard," the letter stated, "of the Vienna negotiations," to which we referred in our article, "and had certainly never seen the draft agreement of the company which it was proposed to form."

Mr. Jee also enclosed a letter from Mr. Ashton stating that a mistake had been made and returning a number of the duke's cards which had been liberally presented to him for use.

"With sincere regret I am bound to accept your notice to withdraw your authority for putting your name forward," said Ashton, "or submitting it for any directorships or, indeed, for any purpose whatsoever."

A stupendous title

We are glad that the dispute over Mr. Ashton's right to use the duke's name has been settled so amicably, though that does not altogether end our interest in His Serene Highness.

It happened that in a further communication from Mr. Jee we were given the Duke's full description.

Here it is:—"His Serene Highness the Most Illustrious and Most Noble Monseigneur Hugh George de Willmott Newman, Duke of Saxe-Noricum and Prince of the Holy Roman Empire, Margrave of Ardath and Count Neumann (Austria), Baron Willmott (Hungary), Lord Paramount of the Norici (Feudal), Knight of the Austrian Order of the Golden Fleece, and Grand Chevalier of the Most Exalted Order of St. Louis."

And that's all.

In order to do full justice to such a distinguished personage in any reference we might make to him we naturally glanced through "Who's Who."

We could not find any trace of him. We tried "Debrett" but "Debrett" was equally silent.

The "Almanack de Gotha," which deals with the titled nobility of Europe, was our next reference, but that volume, too, yielded negative results.

Off the map

The family trees of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha and of two other hyphenated Saxe families were there in black and white, but no trace of the Duke of Saxe-Mori um.

The title being an Austrian one granted under "the Holy Roman Empire" and the Order of the Golden Fleece, being an Austrian decoration, we approached the Austrian Legation.

It appeared from the official attitude there as if data concerning the old nobility had been lost. At least, they had never heard of the Duke of Saxe-Noricum.

Noricum, so the history books tell us, is the Roman name of a province held in Austria by the Empire, which has not been "on the map" since the days of the Roman Empire itself.

A saddening thought

None the less, it is surely regrettable that a young man, for he is quite young, such as the Duke, should have been so neglected by the editors of the books of reference.

Not only is it a question of his ancient and princely lineage. The Order of the Golden Fleece is one of the most exclusive in Europe, and in the Austrian Empire was granted only to the most distinguished persons.

It is very sad to think that the young duke should only have succeeded in bringing himself to the notice of the public through the medium of Mr. Henry Allen Ashton.

We trust that this publicity will embolden him to come forward and tell the world the story of his noble house, and the full details of the doughty deeds which gave him the right to wear so coveted a decoration under his butterfly collar.

A Shameful Salesman

Battening on Bereaved People

J. J. GREAVES, of 1, New Oxford Street, London, W.C., describes himself on his notepaper as an "Indentor and Importer." He would be more accurate if he described himself as an ingenious impostor!

Mr. Greaves deals in fountain-pens, and he favours a method of salesmanship which has nothing to commend it. In fact, his efforts to dispose of his wares are most despicable, since they seem to be concentrated on battening upon bereaved people.

This is how Mr. Greaves works. He combs suburban and provincial papers with a predatory eye, and when he lights upon a report of a funeral he rejoices. He also becomes very busy and loses no time in despatching a circular letter to the defunct person!

Sentimental appeal

A curious thing to do, you will think. What have funerals to do with fountain-pens? Alas! Mr. J. J. Greaves is so depraved that he has as little respect for the dead as he has for the truth.

This is what he says in his circulars:

> The fountain pen ordered some time ago by your goodself with gold band engraved with your initials is now ready for delivery. I must apologise for the delay in your order, but the manufacturers kept me waiting on delivery.
>
> Enclosed herewith please find account. On receipt of your remittance I shall forward pen by return of post.

The enclosed account is for 12s., and refers to "1 Royal fountain pen with gold band."

Doubtless many people would be quite taken in by this letter and feel it incumbent upon them to purchase the pen supposedly ordered by their dead relative.

The height of meanness

Some, indeed, would probably be prompted to do so from sentimental reasons, feeling that a pen engraved with the initials of a departed dear one would form a most desirable memento.

We do not know how many people have been taken in by this shabby subterfuge, but we do know that relatives of deceased persons as far afield as Lancashire and Yorkshire have been pestered with Mr. Greaves' circulars within a few days of their bereavement.

When a representative of JOHN BULL called at the address given by Mr. Greaves, he found that the latter was apparently operating from a very small room in the basement of a block of offices.

Mr. Greaves, however, was not in attendance, but our representative learnt that he was not the first person to make enquiries and that a number of people were on the track of the "Indentor and Importer."

We are not surprised, for Mr. Greaves' strange business strikes us as being one of the meanest forms of trickery ever perpetrated.

FOOTBALL BETS: A Warning

SOME GONE AWAY BOOKIES

When in Doubt——

EARLY in the football season our post-bag becomes augmented by complaints concerning defaulting bookmakers, and the volume of correspondence in this connection increases as the season advances, with the result that our black list is an ever-growing one.

The nature of the complaints may best be summed up in a slightly adapted Army phrase: Some bookies never pay—they merely fade away!

Let us open with a review of the methods of the "Sports' Syndicate," of Toynbee Chambers, St. Peter's Road, Bournemouth, whose managing director is a man named Frank Smith. "First in the Field" is the motto of this syndicate, so it cannot object to heading our list.

Doubtless many people throughout the country have been impressed by the printed matter issued by these "turf and football commission agents." Such expressions as "The Safety First Football Coupon" and "Liberal odds consistent with security" sound very reassuring, but let us see how they work out in practice.

Opening the batting

A Dalston reader took up an agency with "The Sports' Syndicate," being assured that all prize-money was guaranteed and deposited at its bankers.

When a claim became due, however, the syndicate intimated that it was not in a position to pay owing to the postal strike. Winners were asked to share the loss, the syndicate offering to pay 25 per cent. of the prize-money due.

This "offer" the agent refused, pointing out that the money was supposed to be guaranteed and deposited with the syndicate's bankers and should therefore be forthcoming.

As subsequent letters on the subject were ignored, the agent wrote to the bankers in question and received a reply to the effect that the syndicate had been informed that the use of the bank's name in the manner indicated must be discontinued.

We ourselves have written several times to Bournemouth without avail, and letters are now being returned marked "Gone away."

The complaint we have cited is not an isolated one, for we have many others of a similar nature.

Intriguing questions

Mark Leonard, of Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C., is a bookie who claims to have been established twenty years, and who shows no modesty in approaching clients.

His latest circulars open with the blunt questions, "Are you getting fair terms from your bookie? Does he pay you 5s. in the £ commission?"

Mr. Leonard goes on to state that he does not advertise in the Press, his sole advertisement being "Settlement in cash on Mondays."

He guarantees "straightforward treatment" and appends a postscript as follows: "All my agents received a 20 lb. turkey *last* Christmas." The italics are ours!

Once again, however, the experience of clients does not substantiate this golden promise of "fair terms" and "straightforward treatment."

Complaints reach us from Greenwich, Swindon, Wellington, Barry, Gainsborough, Doncaster, Bristol, and various other parts of the country—all in much the same vein—the disillusioned clients being unable to obtain settlement of winnings.

Meanwhile, Mr. Mark Leonard has also "gone away."

Not really philanthropists

From another office in Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W., Messrs. Thompson, Clifford and Co., "turf and football accountants," broadcast inviting pink circulars of self-praise.

"Whilst we do not pose as philanthropists," runs the message, "we are confident that the accompanying odds will satisfy the most exacting."

In common with many others of the fraternity, Thompson, Clifford and Co. boast a proud motto: "No disputes and prompt settlements." And for once they may be said to live up to their motto, though hardly in a way that clients would wish.

There can be no disputes now, for the simple reason that letters are being returned marked "Gone away."

James Garland, of Berners Street, Ipswich, is a football bookie who operates on a less pretentious scale. His circulars are usually typewritten, but their businesslike air is likely to inspire confidence in a great many people who decide to open transactions with him.

Nevertheless, James Garland fully deserves to be included in our black list, for he seems to favour the methods of the other gentry whom we have just discussed.

A Dover reader tells us that he became an agent for Garland in September last, and at first received

Superintendent Adams, who has been appointed to supervise the working of the new Betting Act

all the amounts due to winning clients, which were only small.

When a sum of £8 15s. 6d. was due, however, Mr. Garland returned 12s. 6d. stake money of the winning coupons and said he was broke. The stake money of losing coupons, which amounted to something like £3 5s., he said nothing about!

Safety first

Further enquiries have been futile, for letters are being returned marked "Gone—No address."

As past experience has shown that defaulting bookies brazenly reopen business as soon as the storm raised by angry clients has abated, these few comments should be of value to the public who will know that the bookies we have mentioned are the bookies to ban.

Our readers should note also that they could often save themselves from disappointment if they would write to JOHN BULL *before* opening an account with a bookmaker whose integrity is in doubt.

A Mascot Misfires!

"Bele" Goes on Strike

SOME time ago a gentleman answered an advertisement which called for an investment of £200, and got into touch with a person who was engaged in selling good-luck mascots to the multitude.

An agreement was drawn up whereby the investor was to receive one-third of the profits from the sale of the luck-bringers.

The latter were little metal replicas of "Belé, the Indian Goddess of Good Fortune," and it was anticipated that the profits would be highly satisfactory.

The original "Belé," according to pamphlets issued to the public, had been picked up in an Indian desert by M. Lionel Z. Lawrence, a gentleman who had been engaged in business for years without making appreciable headway.

A lucky chance

He was on a journey from Bikanar to Bikanpur, it seems, when he discovered, quite by accident, a "half-buried piece of metal," which, on close examination, proved to be "a metal image of a woman."

From the moment he acquired the mascot, however, his whole fortune changed.

"Everything went well with him," and within fifteen months he had become "a very wealthy man."

He then returned to England, where he was distressed to find things "so bad," and determined to send out representations of "Belé" so that others might enjoy the same good fortune that he had done.

Blighted hopes

The investor was not called upon to take any active part in the sale of the mascots.

He had merely to sit with folded arms and take his share of the profits weekly.

Alas! If he had built high hopes he was doomed to disappointment. For a week or two he received a small return for his money, but now the venture seems to have fizzled out.

The fortune-bringing "Bele" seems to have gone on strike and to have let her backers down very badly. But, then, she is a goddess, and women were ever perverse!

A Word in Your Ear

A Pushing Concern

A KIRKDALE reader, who suffers from ear troubles, got into touch with the A.P. Murray Company, of Palace House, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W., and was favoured with a circular letter and certain printed matter extolling the virtues of the "Murray Ear Drum."

The names of the proprietors of the A.P. Murray Company did not appear on the notepaper, but the enquirer was urged to lay aside his fears of being duped and rely upon the "honest statement" of the company that it would rather close down than give a false impression.

Physical jerks

The "Murray Ear Drum," according to the printed matter, was a wonderful appliance which had effected many cures, and it was offered for 35s., together with a "selected set of physical movements" that would "cause the blood to flow freely all over the body, and create a feeling of freshness hitherto unknown."

Our reader did not respond to this offer, and about ten days later he received a follow-up letter impressing him with the fact that a physician would charge more for a "mere examination" than the A.P. Murray Company was asking for its "entire outfit."

A confidential offer

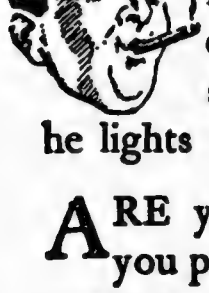
Still our reader displayed diffidence, and a few weeks afterwards he was approached again by the company, this time with an offer of reduced fees.

He was told that if he would treat the matter in confidence he could secure "the same attention and the same outfit" for 31s. 6d., a reduction of 3s. 6d.

By this time our reader was becoming interested, but when a subsequent post brought him a further letter from the A.P. Murray Company offering to bring its price down to a guinea, he was amazed!

Our reader has not taken advantage of these offers. If the "ear drum" is the wonderful boon it is claimed to be, why is it necessary to push it in the manner we have indicated?

Lucky man!



This lucky man's good nature is tickled afresh every time he lights a smoke—for every smoke he lights is a Manikin.

ARE you lucky too—or have you perchance, and unhappily never smoked Nature's Best in Nature's Way—in other words never smoked a Manikin? If not, you have yet to enjoy the finer delights of Tobacco—Pure Ripe Tobacco rolled without paper, picked from the Tip of the Plant as nature's sun kisses each little leaf to ripeness.

HEALTH and Happiness in every puff, and as said, No Paper—No risk of Nicotine—A flavour you will find roll round the palate as smoothly as a fine old port, and a fragrance which will delight your friends.

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Take the fireplace with you

— That's impossible. It's the same comforting warmth, however, if you have a glass, before facing the weather, of

Schweppes
Green Ginger Wine

PER 2/6 BOTTLE

DELICIOUS — AND SO WARMING

A2 WILLS

TO MAKE ORDINARY
SAFETY RAZORS

A revelation awaits you when you fit your old safety razor with a DARWIN blade. Not only will you get the cleanest, easiest shave you have ever had, but this new wonder blade will positively *last many times longer* than the old kind because it is made of Sheffield's new steel.

The adoption of patent Cobalt high-speed steel, with its super-cutting qualities, in the manufacture of DARWIN blades, admits of mass-hardening with absolute uniformity—a feature hitherto impossible in safety-razor blade production.

The DARWIN is the only safety-razor blade made of this new steel, consequently DARWIN blades last far longer than average safety-razor blades, and every blade in every packet is a marvel of sharpness.

Darwin blades, with their ruthless wonder edges, are available for all Gillette, AutoStrop, Ever-Ready, and Clemak type holders. Of all the usual dealers, 10 for 4/6, 5 for 2/3.

Darwin
PATENT COBALT HIGH SPEED STEEL
Safety Razor Blades
DARWINS LIMITED, FITZWILLIAM WORKS, SHEFFIELD.

A BIG FUEL FIASCO

COLD HOME FIRES

The Dilatory Distributors

WITH the advent of the cold weather in the beginning of October, and the absence at that time of definite hopes of a speedy settlement of the coal strike, such an advertisement as the following, which appeared in the daily Press, was calculated to have a wide response:

Keep the Home Fires Burning! Burn tarred road blocks. 5s. per hundred. Delivered free in any quantity. Cash with order. Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd. (Dept. S), British Columbia House, 1-3, Regent Street, London, S.W.

Hundreds of people in all parts of London forwarded money to the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd., in the expectation of receiving in return supplies of fuel which would eke out the meagre allowance dispensed under the coal permits.

Weeks passed and there were many disappointed householders, who, although they had sent their cash with order as instructed, received nothing whatever from the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd., except receipts for money.

A further advertisement appeared at the end of October, also headed "Keep the Home Fires Burning!" but this time offering timber logs in place of the tarred wood blocks.

The offices at British Columbia House were visited by callers who had come to obtain some explanation concerning the money they had been trusting enough to forward.

Insistent callers

They then found a new address, this time at Egyptian House, Piccadilly.

Callers continued also to arrive there, but it was as difficult for them to obtain satisfaction as it was at British Columbia House.

In some cases, where the callers became insistent, the money was returned, and we are informed by the company that this is done where the order is cancelled. Nevertheless, up to a recent date there were instances of people who had not received their wood blocks and whose deposits have been retained by the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd.

We have been at considerable pains to try to discover the reasons behind the failure of the corporation to "keep the home fires burning."

Was it a breakdown in the distributive arrangements? Was there a strike among the drivers of the trolleys and other vehicles which one would presume were at the disposal of the company before they appealed for "money with orders"?

Was there a fire at the depôt, a likely contingency in view of the inflammable nature of the stock?

Blocking the line

One caller at Egyptian House who had become anxious about the money he had paid in advance for 12 cwt. of logs, and who offered to take them from the depôt himself, was told that there wasn't any depôt, but that the wood was being delivered direct from the trucks at the railway sidings.

Truckloads, it transpired, had been ordered and had found their way to London goods yards, but that was as far as at least one of the consignments had got. And the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd., was curiously indifferent as to arrangements to take it further, much to the annoyance of the railway company.

It is obvious that there is something decidedly wrong in the business methods of the corporation, and it is of some interest, therefore, that we should find out who are the persons behind this concern.

We learn that the company was registered fifteen months ago by a Mr. Henry Webb and a Mr. Alfred Springer.

A serious indictment

The registered office was at British Columbia House, but the corporation appears to have done little business until the appearance of the advertisement which seemed like solving the fuel problem for so many people.

Shortly before, however, Mr. Henry Webb resigned, leaving the direction in the hands of Mr. Springer and a Mr. Sydney Moor, of Windsor Road, Denmark Hill.

So far as Springer is concerned, the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd., is not the first venture with which he has been connected.

During the last eighteen months there have been other companies at the first address used by the corporation which have not exactly flourished.

The chief of these was a concern, in which Springer collaborated with the Mr. Henry Webb already mentioned as one of the founders of the Regent Distributing Corporation, but who, of course, resigned before the wood-block fiasco commenced.

They secured from a German firm the exploitation rights of a very excellent patent.

Some reputable business men who were persuaded to take an interest in the flotation were soon dissatisfied with the methods of Springer and Webb.

Col. the Rt. Hon. G. R. Lane-Fox, M.P., who has relieved the fuel question by withdrawing coal rationing

The following extract from the report of a firm of chartered accountants is illuminating:

No proper books of account have been kept. . . . . The "sundry expenses" amounting to £1,114 7s. 0d. are made up principally of round sums drawn . . . . . but in practically every case, vouchers in support thereof are not available and no detailed record has been kept.

It is not surprising that the company was not able to proceed, as it is now doing, on a sound and satisfactory footing, until Springer and Webb had resigned.

Unbusinesslike methods are, no doubt, at the bottom of the collapse of the fuel scheme launched by the Regent Distributing Corporation, Ltd. Meanwhile, we advise those in charge of the concern to immediately fulfil all orders or to refund every shilling they have received from the public.

AN INHUMAN ORDER

Council's "About Turn" Victims—Street Traders Stymied

SEVEN years ago the Tottenham Council considered application from stall-holders for pitches in St. Ann's Road, Harringay, the intention being to counteract profiteering, which was prevalent at that time.

The proposition was highly popular, and when, three years after the inauguration of the scheme, there was some talk of dropping it, the council received a petition of protest, signed by over 2,000 local residents.

A nasty shock

The market was continued, but regulations concerning it were revised and, in accordance with certain recommendations of the Trading Centres Committee, preference was given to stallholders in the following order:—Married ex-Service men; single ex-Service men with dependants; single ex-Service men, and non-ex-Service men.

Now the majority of the stallholders were ex-Service men, and they looked upon these new regulations as consolidating their position. Most of them were under the impression that the market would be a permanent institution, but they were destined to receive a nasty shock.

A drastic order

Early this year the council issued an order which bluntly stated that "from the 31st day of March, 1926, no person" should "stand in any part" of St. Ann's Road "for the purpose of selling articles from a stall, truck, barrow or basket" between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays.

This order was issued, it was stated, to prevent obstruction of the street under "Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847," and the local police were instructed to "enforce compliance" with it.

About thirty-four stallholders are affected by this order, and twenty-nine of them are ex-Service men. All resented the order, and two were summoned for non-compliance and made test cases.

They were fined 5s. each on April 7, and a week later the entire body were summoned and fined 10s., with the alternative of fourteen days in jail.

They appealed against this decision and their case was reviewed at the Divisional Court by the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Acton, and Mr. Justice Salter, being ultimately dismissed with costs.

Natural belief

Whilst the Tottenham Council is legally justified in its action, there are few who will not sympathise with these unfortunate men who, coming from the trenches, seized upon the first opportunity of making a livelihood, fully believing that their efforts would be encouraged by the council.

Many of them sank all their savings in the venture, never dreaming that the authorities who inaugurated the market in the first instance would one day turn round and disband it as causing "obstruction to streets."

Let us take a typical case to show what this blow means to the men concerned:

A Mr. Frederick West was one of the first to take up a pitch in St. Ann's Road. The market offered the most hopeful prospect for him, for the years when he might normally have been learning a trade had been devoted to serving his country.

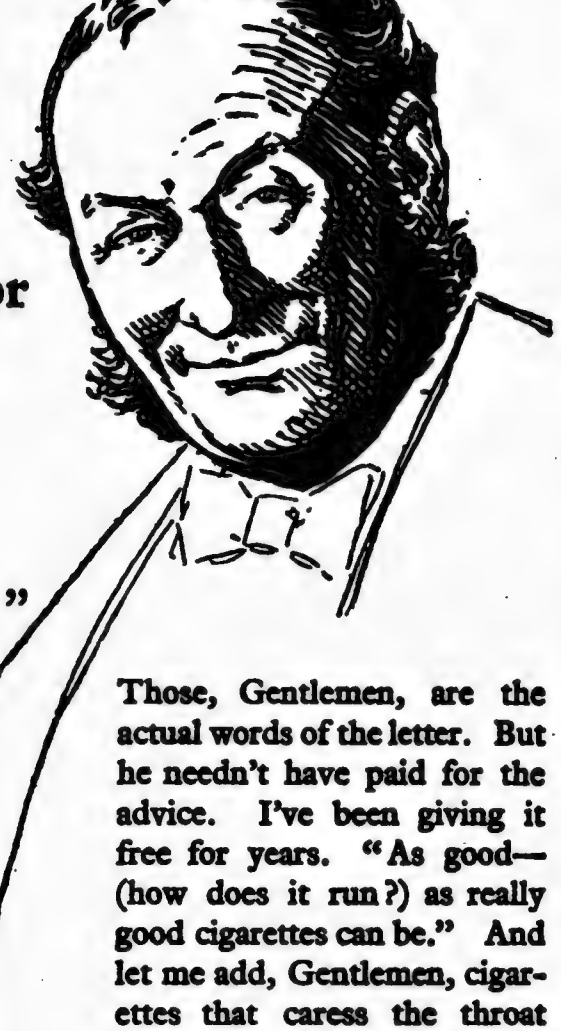
West joined the Army at the outbreak of war, when he was only sixteen. He was mentioned in despatches and won the military medal, yet the disbanding of the market throws him upon the labour exchange.

Hard cases

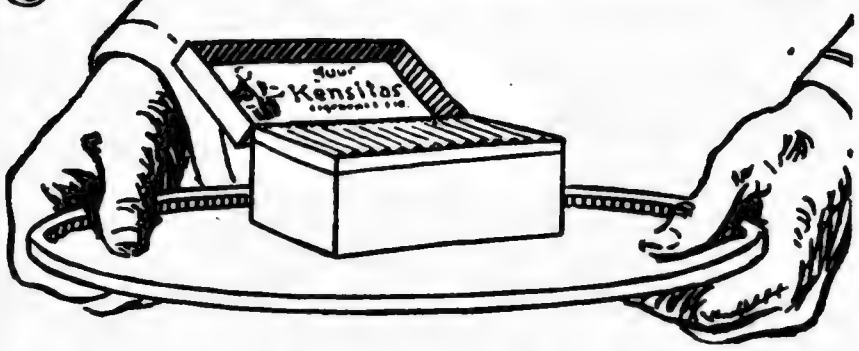
There are also many ex-Service men with large families dependent upon them, but, whilst the citing of individual cases serves to bring home the full force of the victimisation, it should not be forgotten that all will suffer, and that all are deserving of our sympathy.

In these circumstances, we appeal to the Tottenham Council to find alternative sites for these unfortunate traders, so that the money and labour which they have devoted to building up their businesses may not be lost.

"but it's a bit thick having to pay a doctor for the advice— 'SMOKE KENSITAS!'"



Those, Gentlemen, are the actual words of the letter. But he needn't have paid for the advice. I've been giving it free for years. "As good—(how does it run?) as really good cigarettes can be." And let me add, Gentlemen, cigarettes that caress the throat and *couldn't* harm it. Smoke Kensitas, Gentlemen—always.

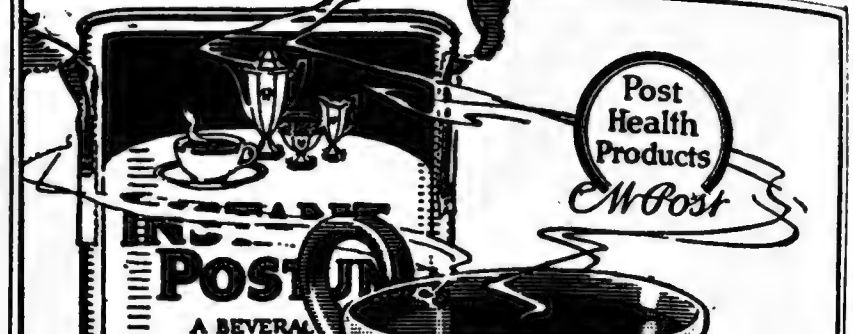


KENSITAS

—THE BETTER CIGARETTE

TEN KENSITAS COST SIXPENCE, TWENTY A SHILLING

LARGE SIZE, 1/5 FOR TWENTY



A *jolly good* drink—*jolly good for* you

IF you can put down the empty cup and say "*jolly good!*" well—you may not be inclined to bother much about the good or ill *that* drink does you.

And yet it matters rather a lot. Too often, the greater your enjoyment of a drink, the bigger the price you have to pay—some day—for liking it.

So it's useful to know that there is *one* "jolly good" drink that is "jolly good" for you—Postum. Postum is just wheat as a drink; all the goodness of golden grain with a little pure sugar cane syrup. It comes in tiny sparkling granules, instantly soluble in boiling water or hot milk. You'll like it—tremendously! And you can go on gratifying your liking, knowing that it can never do anything but good.

Wherever there's a kettle singing on a hob, you can make Postum as quickly as you can say "Jack Robinson"—for less than ½d. a cup.

GIVE IT A *REAL* TRIAL

You can't expect to discover how much better Postum is for you than are other hot drinks unless you give it a fair trial. So we suggest that you drink it every day for, say—a month. That will give you a real chance to prove how much good it does you, how much better you do feel for drinking it regularly. In order to start you on this test we will send you the first week's supply—free. Fill in the coupon. Or, if you prefer not to cut this page, copy out the coupon on a post-card.

Instant! POSTUM

The Grape-Nuts Co., Ltd., Dept. BUL, 5 Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.

I should like to give Postum a month's trial. Please send me, free of charge and without obligation, the first week's supply.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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(Please write VERY plainly!)

Most good grocers sell Postum in 45-cup tins for 1/7, and 90-cup tins for 2/8. (These prices do not apply to Northern Ireland or to the Irish Free State.) It is one of the Post Health Products, which include Grape Nuts, Post Toasties and Post Bran.

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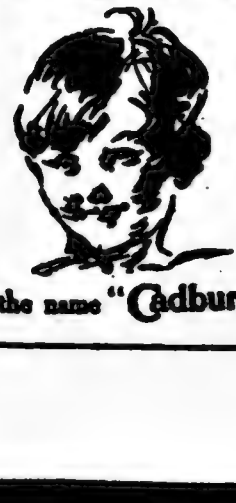

'Keep fit on cocoa'

For the sturdy outdoor child, or for the studious one, a cup of "Bournville—the cocoa that tastes like chocolate"—makes breakfast and supper more enjoyable. It is food below pre-war price.

See the name "Cadbury" on every piece of chocolate.

CRUSHING A WIDOW

FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH

A Case for Sympathetic Action

CRIPPLING demands by private individuals are, unfortunately, too often met with. The public, however, look for better things from local authorities whom they have invested with power

THE following story of a small-holder's battles with unsympathetic authorities should move all thinking men and women to sympathy.

The unfortunate victim is Mr. G. A. Clarke, of Great Barton, Suffolk, who, in 1919, entered into agreements with the West Suffolk County Council to lease two small holdings for a term of seven years.

In June, 1925, Mr. Clarke saw fit to lodge complaints regarding repairs to his buildings, water-supply and other matters. He duly received a reply from the council, the letter being signed by the chief officer of the Agricultural Committee.

A strange letter

Not content with dealing only with the complaints specified by Clarke, the following paragraph was added:

I have also taken the opportunity of looking through the correspondence which has taken place since the commencement of your tenancy, and there seems to be a good deal of complaints on your part, some of which are without any foundation. The whole position will have to be considered when your lease expires on the 11th October, 1926.

Now, in view of the fact that the council in the same letter admitted that two of the complaints then being dealt with were well-founded, the foregoing paragraph seems most uncalled for.

It was certainly true that there had been many complaints in the past, and there were destined to be others in the future!

In May this year, Mr. Clarke had to protest against damage caused to his property by the council's servants carting timber across his land. This complaint was recognised and Clarke was credited with a slight reduction of rent by way of compensation.

In the following month he was informed that a new tenant had been provisionally accepted.

Astounding demand

He appealed at once against the refusal to renew his tenancy, and was told that he must give up possession of the farm by October 11, though there would be no objection to his occupying the house for a week or so longer.

On the day following this "concession," Clarke was astounded to receive formal notice that the value of the holdings had deteriorated by his failure to cultivate the land as a good husbandman according to the terms of the tenancy, and that the council would claim compensation in consequence!

At this stage, Mr. Clarke sought legal advice and, on being approached by solicitors, the Agricultural Committee instituted an enquiry.

Meanwhile, the accumulated worries of his troubled tenancy, coupled with the threatened ejectment, so preyed upon Clarke's mind that his health broke down.

His mind became unhinged, and he was removed to an asylum, where he died shortly after admission.

This tragedy is rendered all the more terrible by the fact that Clarke has left a widow and five young children, the eldest aged seven and the youngest a baby of nine months.

Mr. G. A. Clarke

The poor woman, formerly a Lancashire mill lass, and now only thirty, is totally unprovided for. The disability which caused her husband's death is not admitted as attributable to or aggravated by his war service, so she is ineligible for a grant from the Ministry of Pensions.

Moreover, she does not qualify under the Widows' Pension Act.

Now, to crown all, the West Suffolk County Council is claiming £69 from the estate as rent outstanding!

But their red-tape attitude does not end there. When the Agricultural Committee issued its report it stated that it was satisfied that everything reasonable had been done.

Difficult to reconcile

The member who had actually investigated the case, Lieut.-Col. Long, repudiated the above statement and described the words as a deliberate misrepresentation.

He maintained that Mr. Clarke had cultivated his farm in a most creditable manner, and that everything reasonable had not been done for him.

Col. Long, therefore, called for the deletion of the words quoted, and his resolution, which another councillor characterised as tantamount to a vote of censure on the Agricultural Committee, was carried.

In these circumstances it is difficult to see how the Agricultural Committee can reconcile its demand for compensation with the report of its own investigator that "the holding was cultivated in a most creditable manner, and it was quite obvious that Mr. Clarke was able to meet all his obligations."

The West Suffolk County Council may have no legal liability in this painful matter, but its too-belated action should make it realise a moral obligation to forgo any claim it may have on the dead man's estate, and to accord the widow the privilege of keeping her cottage for her bairns as long as she may choose.

THE PIECAN'S PIONEER

A REAL SPANISH ONION

Wonderful Oil Tale

FAIRY tales are not even now out of date. Tales are told to would-be speculators that put fiction in the shade. And there are, in spite of warnings, people who believe them

OUR advice to the person who woefully declares that the opportunity for adventure and highly coloured romance has gone with the advance of civilisation is to read the "financial and business propositions" column of the daily newspaper.

Take the following advertisement which is not of an uncommon type, and reads like the plot of a "penny dreadful":

Advertiser requires speculative investor, £500 prepared to spend. Part time Southern Europe. £5 per week and expenses abroad. Ideal for party either sex wishing avoid English winter. Write Box &c. . . . .

Think of it on this December day—the balmy air of Southern Europe, passion, adventure, the thrill of some dark secret purpose, perhaps the kidnapping of an heir to a throne. And all for £500!

An olfactory proof

But it is not exactly like that. The gentleman who composed this advertisement, Mr. H. E. Borradaile, wishes to have his expenses paid to the rocky waste-land that stretches inland beyond Saville in the North and Cadiz in the South.

Mr. Borradaile spent many months in a none too comfortable and insanitary inn, where everyone seemed to exist on hash composed of sausage and onion, and there he strenuously surveyed a land "seeping" with petroleum.

"You have only to take a hammer," he confided to one of our readers whose imagination had been fired by the advertisement, "chip off a piece of the rock which abounds everywhere, and put it to your nose. What do you smell? Petroleum."

Petroleum, that word fraught with such possibilities in the eye of Mr. Borradaile! He quoted one famous oil well after another, and each was producing so many thousand gallons per diem at a cost of about 2½d. per gallon, which sold for several shillings.

"I am not going to spend any more of my own money, though," he continued airily. "It is a pure gamble with a fortune or nothing at the end."

A majestic vision

Mr. Borradaile was so impressed with the latent productivity of the land surrounding Villamartin that, after a chat with a geologist who was surveying the land for the Spanish Government, he approached the authorities.

The Government readily granted him a contract of introduction obviating the possibility of competition for five years. The Spanish grandees owning the land begged but a small interest in his profits, and, in fact, Spain as a nation gave him its wholehearted support.

With visions of himself as an "oil king," this worthy pioneer came back to England and compiled long reports upon his claim. With one opinion and another and profound researches into the commercial value of petroleum by-products, he says, he soon spent £1,000.

Mr. Borradaile was asked why he, a foreigner, was the first man to realise the great petroleum wealth of Spain.

Success that was fatal

In answer to this he vouchsafed the information that he was not by any means the first man because the Government of Spain had bored a well at enormous expense some years before.

Like most Governments they had chosen the wrong man to superintend, as he was a coal and not an oil miner.

When the well had reached a certain depth the drill suddenly encountered natural gas, which rushed to the surface with such force that the rigger was smashed and two men killed.

In the confusion the engineer endeavoured to stop up the outlet with cement, intending to bore on past the oil. His plan did not work, and the drilling operations ceased as a failure.

This brings us to Mr. Borradaile's great point—the engineer did not appreciate the gigantic possibilities of this gas. The land was "seeping" with it.

In the summer when the marsh land was parched one had only to throw a lighted match into one of the enormous cracks for an explosion to occur!

A slump in the market

The major portion of America's petrol supply was produced by the condensation of the gas, quoth Mr. Borradaile.

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Yet we have always the feeling, even if one was to avoid the English winter, that the "best laid schemes of mice and men" are no more likely to work to schedule in far-off Spain than in London.

Nevertheless, we can well appreciate Mr. Borradaile's desire for a trip to Southern Europe at the expense of some "pure gambler" of "either sex."

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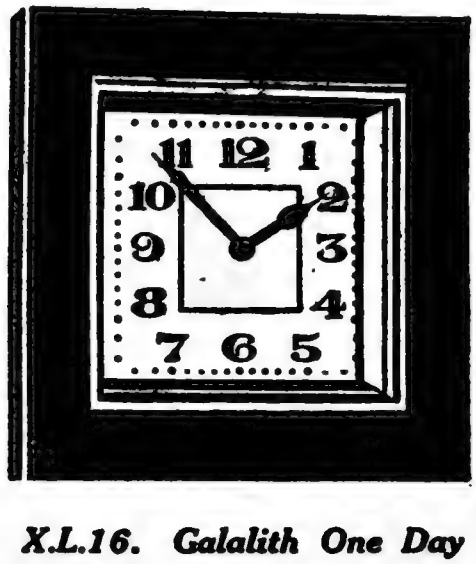

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More Double Dutch

"Astral's" Little Herb

THERE appears to be no limit to the horde of Dutch astrologers who regard England as a happy hunting-ground; and the continuity of their advertising indicates that the advertisers reap a profitable harvest of replies.

One of the latest additions to the fraternity is "Astral," of Flushing, who modestly styles himself "Father of all the Prophets and Doctor of Indian Philosophy," with the plaintive addition that he has "grown old and grey in the cause of humanity."

Judging by the accompanying presentation of the "Astral" features, he might easily claim to be Father of the Universe.

A kind invitation.

This Dutch necromancer assures one of our readers:

"I will give all my judgment on the one hypothesis that we are part of one great whole. . . . Nature as usual made no mistakes when you were born, at this time there was a little herb which reached its full curative power, and in consequence became the antidote to any of the weakness of your health."

The all-healing powers of the "little herb" must be fairly extensive, as "any of the weakness" is a large order.

With infinite resource and some knowledge of our English climate, he continues: "Be sure and use care with anything in connection with the throat and lungs."

Next comes this soulful invitation:

"Chance is knocking at your door, will you not open? I am old and cannot expect to be with you always, take my hand now that you have the chance, and let me advise and guide you as I have done thousands of others."

But this kindly invitation to take the "Astral" hand entails a none too modest fee.

"My fee for a complete reading," writes Astral, "is forty shillings, but because I have made certain preliminary calculations I am going to make you a present of half my fees and send you everything in full detail for the nominal sum of twenty shillings, but you must write immediately—say within the next fortnight of receipt of this letter—that you accept the offer and whilst I am still in tune with your astral surroundings.

"I am anxiously awaiting your early reply," he continues. "He who hesitates is lost."

As our reader is still hesitating we conclude that Astral's fee, if not already lost by that philanthropist, is in imminent danger.

Future happiness

"Happy are those who can look forward to the future with a contented mind," he rambles on, "knowing that they are prepared for all eventualities. In these times of turmoil, hustle and bustle it is a case of 'Get on or get out.'"

Astral's fondness for phrase-quoting may prove to be a doubtful acquisition. Already we feel that we can best show our appreciation of the gentleman's eloquence by requesting him to "get out."

A BOY'S AWFUL FATE

CRUEL PENALTY FOR ORCHARD RAID

The Home Secretary Must Act

MASTER PERCY LAWER is a very normal boy of the age when fruit orchards are things of peculiar fascination. A few weeks back he and another lad, named Meller, entered an orchard belonging to Mr. Ernest Albert Denyer, of Frims Crag, Pinner Road, Northwood.

But before they could so much as taste the forbidden fruit they found themselves trapped by a gardener.

As a sequel to this unhappy escapade, these two youngsters found themselves in the Children's Court at Uxbridge, charged by Mr. Denyer with stealing pears to the value of £1 and also with damaging trees and shrubs to a similar value.

Mr. Denyer himself gave evidence, painted Master Lawer in sombre colours, and recited a list of misdemeanours he was "reputed" to have committed.

He further stated that he was prosecuting because he considered the boy's behaviour had become a nuisance in the neighbourhood.

The parents shocked

The magistrates—Mrs. F. M. Baker, Mr. G. A. Sanford and Mr. H. Mitchell—were duly impressed with Mr. Denyer's remarks concerning young Lawer's "reputed" character.

So much so, in fact, that they contented themselves with letting the other child off with a reprimand and a 4s. fine and proceeded to deal severely with Master Lawer.

In view of the bad character "given him," the justices ordered his removal to a reformatory school for four years! Four years' incarceration for entering a fruit orchard! Thinks what some of us have escaped!

It is small wonder that the boy's parents and local residents are up in arms at such a monstrous sentence, and some public comment is much needed.

A wrong charge

In the first place, it is easy to understand that Mr. Denyer was greatly annoyed at having the privacy of his property invaded by marauding youngsters. But, whilst his indignation was well justified, we would draw attention to two facts.

It is true that the boys were caught red-handed. They also admitted in court that it was their intention to take a few pears, but were caught before they could do so.

Yet they were charged with actually stealing fruit to the value of £1, and this formidable offence is recorded against Lawer in the finding of the court.

It seems incredible that the magistrates should have accepted as evidence against the lad a mere recital of "reputed" misdemeanours.

No corroboration was given in this connection, and Lawer was not legally represented in court.

Mrs. Lawer, who was with her son, was too taken aback by the severity of the sentence to protest at the time. She had expected her boy to be punished, but never for one moment did she expect that the authorities would look upon his offence as anything but a boyish prank.

The Home Secretary, whom we expect to intervene in this case

She now denies that she gave her consent for his removal to a reformatory and she was also unaware that she was empowered to appeal against the sentence until the time limit had expired.

We are able to state that there is nothing damning against Master Lawer's character. A school report before us at the moment shows that both his progress and conduct were good.

Even if the allegations made against him were true, the sentence would be a monstrous one.

In our opinion the Home Secretary should intervene at once.

A MONOMARK BEGGAR

DOGGEREL DEALER'S DODGES

Banbury Takes the Bun

A HEARTRENDING appeal has lately been circulated by a person named Geoffrey C. Banbury, of Boleyn Road, London, E., in the form of a stereotyped letter and two printed pamphlets.

The letter "craves the indulgence" of the reader, and tells a bitter tale of a "prosperous business" ruined by the war, in which the writer was wounded "three times."

My wife and three dear little children (writes Mr. Banbury) are getting thinner every day owing to insufficient nourishment. It is heartbreaking to see them. Unfortunately, we are not entitled to the "dole." The enclosed poem will tell you what *I* think of it all.

A pathetic poem

The "enclosed poem," offered for 1s. or more, is a long doggerel, telling of men who answered the call of duty in 1914, and the pathos is spread on with a lavish hand, thus:

To-day our hearts are full of woe, our heads are bent in shame,
We are lying in the gutter with nothing but a name.
Drawing pictures on the pavement, and the organ also grind
To earn an honest penny from the sympathetic kind.

In addition to this "touching" poem, Mr. Banbury encloses a printed leaflet, headed "The Proverb of the Ninth." Probably you have never heard of this proverb, he surmises, and ventures to repeat it for you (and, incidentally his own) benefit.

He or she that takes from their pocket or immediate possession *one ninth* of the cash therein and gives same to Charity or a genuine case deserving aid, immediately the appeal comes to their notice, shall reap in many ways the benefit of their generous act.

Mr. Banbury urges his readers to test this proverb for themselves by "giving *at once*" one-ninth of the cash in their possession.

Knowing that many war heroes have suffered neglect, many people will possibly be full of pity for a thrice-wounded soldier who is "lying in the gutter with nothing but a name."

But in Mr. Banbury's case their sympathy will be wasted, for the line we have quoted is scarcely applicable.

Mr. Banbury has something more than a name—he has a monomark, BM/PWLS, to which his begging appeals are to be returned "unopened" should they fail to reach the persons to whom they are addressed.

A safe offer

Mr. Banbury mentions in his letters that he invites the "fullest investigation," but as his appeals seem to be made in the distant provinces, investigation on the part of his "patrons" is somewhat restricted.

A gentleman who happened to be in London, however, called at Boleyn Road the other day.

He found Mr. Banbury away from home, but he was received by Mrs. Banbury, who asked him if he wished to see her husband with regard to the company he was forming.

She then rattled on enthusiastically about a £15,000 concern which was to market a patent medicine which had been previously exploited by Mr. Banbury single-handed.

Despicable methods

The gentleman, who had expected to find an impoverished household and a down-and-out ex-Service man, was too amazed to do much but listen open-mouthed whilst Mrs. Banbury prattled of her husband's venture.

She explained that he was a very busy man, and it would be difficult to fix an appointment, as they usually went out about three nights a week.

When the dazed visitor finally staggered away he felt anything but pity for these poor "starving" creatures, who, besides having three nights out a week, also have a wireless set to amuse them in their comfortable home!

No words of opprobrium can be too strong for such an impostor as Geoffrey C. Banbury. His methods are despicable in the extreme, and we trust that the authorities will step in and see that his activities are curbed.

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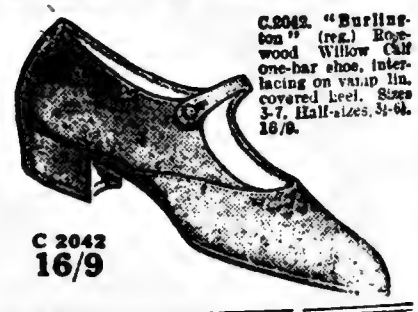

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Should He Hang?

by **The Hon. Judge ATHERLEY-JONES, K.C.**

THE law of "an eye for an eye" is now looked upon as the survival of barbaric times. Through scientific investigation of criminal mentality the conviction is growing that curative treatment is preferable to punitive.

The psychological aspect of crime has recently become the subject of diligent research, and it has been very fully established that crimes are committed in many instances through the influence of obscure mental causative factors, which render the perpetrator a more fit subject for medical than punitive treatment.

Dr. Hamblin Smith, the medical officer of Birmingham prison, in all cases where the mental condition of an offender appears to be abnormal, has them medically examined.

I cannot in this article enter into any detail on this subject, but I content myself with quoting a passage from the writings of Dr. Hamblin Smith. He states:

"There are abnormal mental conditions not yet recognised by the law which are all potent factors in the production of crime. The great point is that such persons should be regarded as patients who have to be healed. I believe that in many instances courts fully recognise their present most inadequate means of dealing with such cases and would welcome the power of committing to institutions."

My judicial experience fully confirms the judgment of Dr. Smith.

An outrageous principle

The continuation of the death penalty from the point of view of its utility as a deterrent, or from that of humanity, has long been the subject of controversy.

I have come to this conclusion, that from neither point of view is it justifiable. Murders are almost invariably committed under the influence of uncontrollable passion—a momentary seizure of maniacal fury when reason, forethought, or apprehension of consequences are at the time wholly extinct.

That the wild ferocity of a moment should be expiated by the rope of the hangman is an offence against reason and humanity. Nor can it act as a deterrent. It cannot prevent the outbreak of insensate passion, and if so, it cannot prevent what may follow as the result of that passion.

In Sweden, Denmark, Holland and some other countries the death penalty has not for a long period been in existence. The records of capital crime since its abolition demonstrate that murders have not increased, but have shown a tendency to diminish.

The death penalty is the most signal instance of the survival of the principle which in the past has governed our penal laws—the principle of vengeance or retaliation.

The greater punishment

It is true that there are some very deliberate and coldly calculated murders; the most odious of that type is murder by poison, and no punishment for that crime can be too severe.

But murders by poison are happily very rare. A wretch guilty thereof must be banished from human society, and I doubt not that incarceration for long years is for him a greater punishment than the brief agony between condemnation and execution.

The Prison Commissioners in 1922 reported concerning the Borstal institutions and the prisons that mental and medical observation show more and more the existence of a class of prisoners whose mentality is not normal, but who cannot be certified as insane or as mentally deficient.

This statement is very authoritative; and yet in spite of medical opinion, and indeed in defiance of good sense, and in disregard of the conditions of a committee presided over by Lord Justice Atkin, the law remains immovable that an accused person can only escape criminal responsibility if it can be established that at the time he committed it he did not know he was doing wrong.

Confidence not abused

It is of paramount importance, as again and again the Prison Commissioners urge, that the Birmingham system of investigating an accused person's mental condition before trial, or before conviction, should be uniformly adopted.

For some offenders deprivation of freedom for an indefinite or even permanent period is undoubtedly necessary, but so far as is practicable the basis of treatment should be curative.

In the most hardened criminal there reside qualities and capacities for good which have laid dormant perhaps for years, but which can, as has been abundantly proved, by wise and humane methods be awakened.

In the United States they have done, and are still doing, great things in this direction.

The wonderful system there of letting out prisoners on parole free from the pernicious ticket-of-leave system which we observe, and which requires every convict out on licence periodically to report at a police station, trusts to the man's honour.

This confidence has not been abused, as is testified by those who control the American prisons.

Mr. Spencer Miller, formerly warden of the great American prison, Sing Sing, in an address to the Harvard League, made this remarkable statement:

"One by one our prison walls are being torn down, and the hope that the prison will be done away with is not a far distant thing. It is no longer a dream of idealists; it is a possibility in the light of experience!"

This is undoubtedly the language of the enthusiast and the idealist.

The fatal brand

It is, indeed, beyond doubt that there are offenders against the criminal law. Whether you apply the legal or the medical test of what constitutes a state of insanity, rendering them free from criminal responsibility, or whether you regard them as mental defectives who must in their own interests and those of society be kept in confinement, the really essential object we ought to have in view is to let the curative completely dominate the punitive principle in our treatment.

Very few persons are by nature addicted to crime; the vast majority of criminals become so under the influences of some external force. That which plays by far the largest part is poverty. In this country from the depths of poverty they are cast into prison, from prison they are pushed back into poverty bearing the brand of crime.

I urge those who take interest in criminology to read in its publications the marvellous advancement in this noble task of the Salvation Army. I particularly refer to its work at the farm colony of Hadleigh.

But this work of the Salvation Army and kindred agencies has been imperfect in results because the funds at their disposal have been inadequate. To achieve success it must be a national effort supported by national resources.

The Hon. Judge Atherley-Jones

Remove the criminal from his crowded environment, and place him where the taint of past crime does not ever haunt him, where the finger of scorn cannot be pointed at him, where the eye of the policeman is not ever watching him.

The root of crime

I have observed that poverty is at the root of the great bulk of our serious crime. Where the working-classes are in stable employment theft is proportionably as rare as among the higher classes.

Thus, among the coal-miners it is most exceptional to find a case of dishonesty; and even now, when during this protracted strike many are suffering from acute distress, their sterling honesty remains unimpaired.

Again, among our rural population, among whom the general standard of intelligence and of material comfort is much lower, we may with satisfaction regard the general absence of crime.

As a justice of the peace for an agricultural county I may observe that the village constable has little scope for his activity beyond that which the erring motor-driver and the collarless dog afford.

The administration of justice is a vital matter. My long experience as a judge satisfies me that it is of very rare occurrence for an innocent person to be convicted at assize or quarter sessions, although there may be the strongest presumption that the accused was guilty.

Again, in what are termed "long firm" frauds or receiving stolen goods, the natural prejudices of a jury against nefarious transactions of this character may sometimes cause them to return a verdict of guilty when there exists a reasonable doubt; but as a rule juries turn a favourable ear to the defence if it be at all plausible.

Clutching at a "dog's chance"

The chief value of the Court of Criminal Appeal has been to mitigate severity of sentences and correct technical errors of a judge which sometimes arise. It will rarely if ever override the verdict of a jury if there be any admissible evidence to support it—that is to say, it will not compare and decide according to the weight of evidence.

The number of successful appeals is insignificant, but the number of applications for leave to appeal is very large. It is only natural that convicted persons should, even if they realise they have only a "dog's chance," make the attempt.

I think it most undesirable that convicted persons should be deterred from making the effort by the knowledge that their sentence on appeal may be increased.

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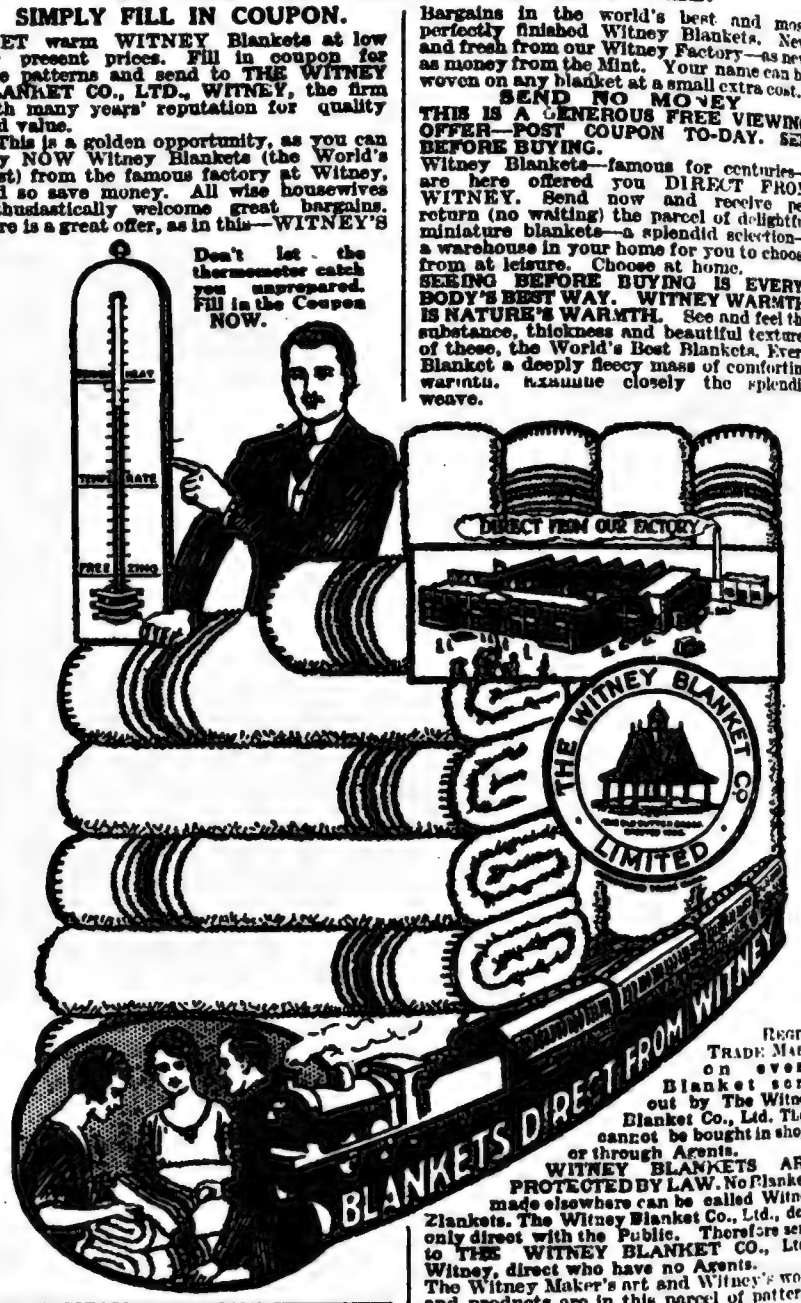
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To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—It was your pleasant fancy at the annual dinner of the Royal Society of Medicine to picture yourself as the physician of the country's feverish ills. "I have been trying," you said, "to prescribe for some time with complete failure." The jest would have been more amusing if it had been less appallingly true. I am afraid if you had been addressing a less well-fed audience the laughter with which you were honoured would not have been quite so loud and free. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir JOHN SIMON, K.C.V.O., M.P., Cadogan Gardens, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—You are right in your judgment that the miners have been most unhappily led and advised. Nevertheless, your heart is full of pity for the men who to-day are taking far worse terms than they might have had some months ago. The folly of attempting to solve industrial troubles by strike and lock-out is tragically apparent, but to pass panic legislation to prevent organised Labour from exercising its rights would be even more disastrous. As you say, we want a domestic League of Nations Union to stop us fighting one another. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. WALTER RUNCIMAN, M.P., Barton Street, S.W.

DEAR SIR,—I thoroughly agree that to realise the inter-dependence of individuals and trade is the only way to bring about a better atmosphere in industrial relations. Industry is fostered most healthily by a gradual accumulation of the savings of the people. But an over-taxed people cannot save, and that is too often forgotten. Once the burden of constant competition in armaments is relaxed, the strain will be eased from the backs of the toilers. In speaking of finance don't forget to point out where the bulk of the taxes actually go! JOHN BULL.

To Mr. A. PUGH, Ex-Chairman, Trade Union Congress.

DEAR SIR,—More than once I have had occasion to criticise your public utterances, but I have nothing but sympathy with your enthusiasm for international agreements in the field of work and wages. It is pitiful to see the best-intentioned efforts to raise the standard of living in Great Britain constantly frustrated by sweated labour in other lands. Accept my best wishes for the success of your efforts to civilise industrial conditions throughout the world. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. W. GUINNESS, D.S.O., M.P., Minister for Agriculture.

DEAR SIR,—I regret that, after consideration of the report of the Rew Committee for the extension of unemployment insurance to agricultural workers, the Government does not see its way to adopt the recommendation in the majority report. The more and better men we have working on the land the more satisfactory must be our position. The best men will not turn to labouring on the farms if the cannot find similar security to that enjoyed by town workers. JOHN BULL.

To General Sir R. BADEN-POWELL, G.C.V.O., Bentley, Hants.

DEAR GENERAL,—I regret to hear that your South African tour, following upon your strenuous labours in this country, have completely worn you out, and that you are lying ill in Johannesburg. I wish you a speedy recovery, since I am one who recognises the national value of the work which is so dear and near to your heart. If only you will use your great influence to check the military spirit which is insidiously creeping into the Scout movement in certain districts you will gain my increased admiration and support. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR WILLIAM,—You must not fall into the error of assuming that the British people set slight store upon the right of free speech. In several cases you have stretched your authority under the Emergency Powers Act to a dangerous extent. May we have the firm assurance that the moment the coal crisis is ended the traditional right of every British subject to speak his mind shall be restored? JOHN BULL.

To the Very Rev. H. R. GAMBLE, D.D., The Deanery, Exeter.

VERY REV. SIR,—You have spoken out strongly and sanely in defence of Sunday games. A few bigots will condemn you, no doubt, but the bulk of the nation will commend your courage and common-sense. The vision which can detect evil in healthy outdoor amusements is unpleasantly warped, and it is refreshing to hear the opposite view so outspokenly voiced. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. F. WOLSTENCROFT, Gen. Sec., Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers.

DEAR SIR,—During a speech you delivered at Northampton, you stated that there need have been no coal stoppage, but the Government wanted it in order to teach trade unions that there must be a reduction in wages. Then, why did they grant the mining industry a subsidy? I hold no brief for any particular Party, but to accuse the Government of suicidal and traitorous folly is rampant madness. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. A. WILLIAMS, Nelson, S. Wales.

DEAR SIR,—Five hundred miners of Taff Merthyr Colliery, Trelewis, have decided to repudiate the Miners' Federation and form an organisation of their own. In moving the resolution you remarked that you and your comrades were "sick of strikes." So am I. I might add that I am sick of lock-outs, too. Both are dead against the country's prosperity. JOHN BULL.

To TOM ROLLASON, Smethwick, Staffs.

DEAR TOM,—You may be only a stable lad, but you're more than a bit of a hero for all that. When fire broke out in the stables where you were employed and valuable horses perished you rescued three of them unaided. Seven journeys did you make through the terrific heat and flames, being terribly burned on face, hands, and arms. You're a man to be proud of. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JAMES HENRY COOMBS, Vyvyan Street, Camborne.

DEAR SIR,—When you heard a dog barking and crying in a disused shaft of a mine your heart was touched. Twice you had yourself lowered on a rope to the depth of 200 feet. You waded in water up to the waist until exhausted, but could not reach the dog. The next day you tried again, but not until the fourth attempt did you succeed in rescuing the poor creature. You must have a heart of gold. JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

SIR RICHARD REDMAYNE:—"No expenditure is more remunerative than that made in encouraging scientific research."

Nor more disastrous when scientific research is turned to destructive ends.

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THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY:—"My earnest hope is that the Labour Party will come into power at no distant date."

In other words, the bigger the mess made by one Government the greater the willingness to hand it over to the next.

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LORD GREY:—"Men of ability are available in the ranks of the wage-earners as well as the owners of capital."

If you drum that into the heads of your fellow peers there may be some lessening of industrial trouble.

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J. H. THOMAS, M.P.:—"I am anxious for a change in our methods."

Then why not spend more time in getting your Party to serve?

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Without Fear or Favour— *—by the Editor*

THE DONKEY'S DILEMMA

Speed Up the Pace

IMPERIAL defence was, very properly, the subject discussed at the last meeting of the Imperial Conference. The delegates, some of them with special interest, noted the steps taken by the British Government to develop the naval base at Singapore, in view of the importance of ensuring the security of the world-wide trade routes upon which the welfare of the Empire depends.

But the real anxiety of the Conference was expended upon the formidable and increasing burden of expenditure upon armaments. It has left on record its regrets that greater progress has not been made, internationally, with their reduction.

The Conference was called together largely to stimulate Empire trade. Clearly, it is upon commerce that the burden of taxation presses the hardest.

The swollen proportions of the world's military machine hang like a veritable old man of the sea round the neck of every commercial undertaking. Enterprise is throttled, and the money that would otherwise be invested in improved plant, the development of industry, trade expansion, and social welfare, drains steadily away to the upkeep of armaments.

Taxpayers grumble, but they pay in their money to the Treasury loyally enough. But very few take the trouble to analyse the way in which it is paid out. If once they realised the sums dissipated for armaments in proportion to those paid for every other social service, there would be a rude awakening.

The Conference has sounded the warning. Either the pace of international disarmament must be accelerated or the new era of prosperity the Conference sought to inaugurate must remain a mere chimerical dream.

Bare-faced Swindlers

THE fleecing of the British public by the mock auctioneer still goes on. The methods of the fraternity do not vary. These spurious traders rent a vacant shop in any busy thoroughfare, and with a highly coloured, tawdry stock of rubbish on hand, proceed with their merry game of tricking customers.

All the goods are sold at figures which leave an extortionate margin for profit. The game is worked by the gift of the gab, helped by confederates in the crowd.

The confederate buys an article plainly worth very much more than he paid for it, then, lured by his luck, the simple bid for the "unsight lots."

It is said that a fool is born every minute, and that the supply is inexhaustible, but that is no reason for allowing these arrant swindlers so long a run.

The law is still too lax. Until the regulations governing auctioneers are tightened up the public must be on the alert to protect themselves. They must distinguish between the mock auction and the genuine sale.

It is good news that the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers is hot on the trail of the swindlers. So perhaps, presently, something will be done to end their career.

A CIVIL SERVICE DISGRACE

THE loyalty and devotion of the Civil servant is being strained to breaking-point by the scandalous sweating to which he is subjected. He is a patient ass, but let the Treasury beware lest one day he kicks—and kicks hard

A SHORT time ago JOHN BULL took up the case of the underdogs of the Civil Service, and we said some very straight things about the way in which the lower grades of the Service were suffering in loyal silence under conditions of pay which no self-respecting trade unionist would have endured for one moment.

The result of our remarks was to bring a flood of letters, not only from the lower grades, but from the higher classes of Civil servants, those who are regarded by the public as highly paid clerical forces, and it is painfully evident from these letters that from top to bottom of the Civil Service conditions obtain which throw the greatest strain possible upon loyalty and good will.

"I joined the Civil Service twenty-three years ago," says one man, "passing a stiff examination to do so. I came to London, and at the age of nineteen was receiving 15s. a week. I passed another examination at nineteen, and jumped to 23s. a week. I served in the Army and was demobilised in 1919. I found that all jobs had been filled by stay-at-homes, and sat for another examination, which I passed, but was rejected by a Selection Board.

"I was transferred to another post with the loss of sixteen years' seniority. I am now employed on work of a highly responsible character which needs education, application and initiative. My salary has risen by the usual increments until now—after twenty-three years—my basis pay is £190 a year.

"With the cost of living figure at 170 I receive a bonus of 49 per cent., a total of, roughly, £280 a year. For some time now each increment has been subsequently wiped out by the fall in the bonus.

"This pay is a brilliant reward for twenty-three years of service, is it not? Is it any wonder some of us are bitter when we read of 'overpaid and inefficient Civil servants'? Is it any wonder some of us feel Bolshy?"

AND there is another who is a Customs officer stationed in a small port where the cost of living is half as dear again as it would be in an ordinary town.

Amongst other duties he deals with the health regulations, searches all ships for contraband, seals up and accounts for all dutiable stores, tackles the Alien Restriction Order, shipment of bonded stores, and the coal emergency regulations.

He has nearly six years' service to his credit, yet the powers-that-be expect him to keep respectable, free from debt and immune from bribery and corruption on the munificent sum of £2 19s. 6d. per week for a forty-eight week, which means attendance at any time of the day or night, with the allowance of forty minutes for meals each eight-hour shift if the exigency of the Service permits.

It is really not to be wondered at that one reads occasionally in the newspapers of the prosecution of Customs and Excise Officers for accepting bribes. The miracle is that the Service is, to all intents and purposes, completely incorruptible and unbribable.

It speaks volumes for the sterling character of the men who serve the nation so well despite the scandalous wages they are paid, and it is intolerable that such unceasing loyalty and devotion to duty should not be better recompensed.

HERE is another man who has had a small increase under consideration for just over ten years, and he has not got it yet. His salary to-day is 8s. a day plus a cost-of-living bonus which is steadily being cut down!

Here are two more whose weekly pay for responsible and intricate work amounts to £2 13s. weekly.

If the Government wishes to keep its Civil servants loyal, clean and above-board, the necessity for better remuneration and better conditions is obvious.

To our mind, the real wonder is that so many of them manage to keep grinding on, suffering in silence.

The Rt. Hon. John Henry Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons. We make a special appeal to Mr. Whitley to investigate the workings or rather the non-workings of the Whitley Councils which he inaugurated, and to see that they fulfil the functions for which they were established

Watch Your Dog

HUMANE people will not be satisfied with the sending to prison of Henry William Hewett, the dog-dealer, whom Mr. Fry, at Bow Street, characterised as a "cruel and unscrupulous man."

They will want to know the truth about the many valuable cats and dogs reported missing.

H. W. Hewett, of Copenhagen Street, N., was arrested at the door of University College. He had two half-suffocated and "completely exhausted" puppies in a sack. The puppies had been stolen, and Hewett is now serving a sentence of six months' hard labour for receiving them and one month for cruelty.

It paid Hewett to supply dogs to University College. He got 6s. each for every dog he brought.

At eight o'clock two valuable pedigree puppies are missed from outside the house of their owner. At nine o'clock they are taken to University College in a sack under circumstances of great cruelty. In another few hours, but for their timely discovery, they might have been dead.

Medical colleges are hastily disclaiming any intention of deliberately employing dog-stealers. But "as they have to depend mainly on dealers" for the dogs they use "they are not aware whether they have been stolen or not."

There are thousands of poor men in this country who would share their last crust with their dog. There are others who reluctantly part with their dog when it becomes impossible to pay the licence.

But there are none, rich or poor, to be found who will hand over their dog, at any fee, for experimental purposes. So the experimenters must "depend mainly upon dealers."

That will not allay the suspicions that have been aroused. A certain number of experiments, under proper safeguards, are allowed by law. Such safeguards must be strengthened, not removed.

Hats Off to Henry!

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

WHEN we try to regulate wages according to the cost of living we are chasing money round an endless circle. If we cannot, by good work and good management, produce high wages and low living costs we have no business to call ourselves reasoning human beings

Mr. Henry Ford, whose clever organisation makes his business wonderfully profitable and who pays the highest wages to his workers

PEOPLE who monkey about with wages ought to have a clear idea of what wages mean. To the coal-owners, for example, who have been for months announcing their determination to reduce the miners' wages, this transaction merely means a set of figures in their books rather different from the figures that previously appeared there.

But to the miners these reduced wages are not figures in a book. They are homes and food and drink, comforts and small luxuries; and a reduction of wages means to them so much less meat, so much less bread, the impossibility of buying a new suit of clothes, the impracticability of providing a new pair of shoes for the children.

That is what never seems to be considered in an industrial dispute. The columns of the Press are full of figures, always figures, which may look very pretty on paper, but which mean nothing at all until they are translated into human needs and the possibilities or otherwise of satisfying them.

The tragic difference

To the employer the difference between £2 10s. and £2 may mean nothing more than the alteration of a second figure—his profits—by a minute fraction. To the employee this may be the whole tragic fact of life or mere existence.

Broadly speaking, the whole of our troubles arise from the fact that we will persist in looking at wages from the point of view of money instead of from the point of view of life. We have still to learn that money is nothing at all but a symbol, and in itself has no face value whatever.

It is only of value in so far as we can exchange it for goods, and unless a man can exchange what he earns for a sufficiency of goods then he is not being adequately paid, no matter how many actual pieces of paper or metal he may find in his pay-envelope at the end of the week.

The fault of this cock-eyed way of looking at wages is by no means all on one side. It is true that a great many employers regard a man as well paid if he finds in his pay-envelope each week three, four or five, as the case may be, of those pretty-looking pieces of paper that we call treasury notes.

A stupid delusion

If he could exchange these pieces of paper for their face value in goods he might indeed be well paid; but since we do not make the slightest effort to ensure that prices shall bear some relation to reality and to insist on the cheapness of food, of wearing apparel, bricks and mortar and all the rest of the things that go to make up a human being's life, we never know what is the real value of those pieces of paper until we endeavour to exchange them for commodities.

The workman, on the other hand, is just as stupid as the employer in his outlook on the question of wages. He will persist in chasing money round an endless circle. He persists in the delusion that if he can only put enough pressure on the employer to increase his wages by so many shillings a week, he will thereby be so many shillings a week better off.

It does not follow, of course, that he will be any better off at all. It does not, as a matter of fact, follow that within a very short time of getting his increase in wages he will be even as well off as he was before, since there is not anywhere in existence a bottomless pool of wealth into which either he or his employer can dip.

If he gets ten shillings a week extra on his wages that ten shillings a week has to be found from somewhere and paid by somebody.

There is only one way in which this extra money can ever be found satisfactorily—that is to say, in such a way as to ensure that the recipient shall literally be better off to the extent of ten shillings a week.

The dual effort needed

That is if, in order to provide this extra money, industry is so organised and reorganised as to cheapen the products that are made by his labour, so that more and more people shall be enabled to buy them, whereby the profits on these commodities are increased to the extent of the increased sales, and the particular business that has increased wages finds itself literally better off all round.

And this could only happen if, side by side with increased wages, we get increased production—that is to say, increased effort on the part of the workman and increased effort in the shape of greater efficiency on the part of the employer.

No one can study the extraordinary industrial success of Henry Ford without speedily realising that the economic laws of the text-books do not always square with the economic laws of industrial reality. For Henry Ford has turned economics upside down and challenged every theory of industry that has ever impeded progress and prosperity.

It can all be said in one sentence. Henry Ford has found it possible to pay his workmen more than any other employer has ever dreamed of paying; he has thereby been enabled to sell his product cheaper than anyone has ever been able to sell this particular product before, and his organisation has made more money by means of these two facts than has ever been made in the history of industry.

The real value of wages

Yet when he began any professor of economics would have told him that none of these things could possibly happen. They have happened, since to-day, paying his workmen a minimum wage of six dollars per day, he is selling his motor-cars 40 per cent. cheaper than he was selling them a few years ago when the minimum wage of his workmen was only a little over two dollars per day.

There is no very great secret in it either. The extra money paid to his workmen had to come from somewhere. It could only come from the increased sale of his products, which in turn could only come about if his product was cheapened to the extent of placing it within the reach of everyone.

To accomplish this the workmen had to give full value for their good wage—which they did—and to enable their productive powers to be of real value, Henry Ford and all his executive staff had to put their backs into the job to see that the organisation of the business was the best that could possibly be achieved.

We shall never in this country attain any real prosperity until we rid our minds of the fallacy that money is valuable in itself. If the trade unions would stop trying to raise wages and by intense effort set about bringing down the cost of living they would speedily be dazzled by the real value of the wages which at present they despise.

This country lies under the heel, not of a foreign foe, but one made in Britain long ago, and still going strong

Dick Tur

THE leasehold system of this country is literally nothing more nor less than a licence to rob. It is bleeding industry and strangling trade. It is making life a misery for thousands of decent hard-working citizens, hanging, as it does, like the sword of Damocles over practically everyone who is attempting to make something out of life.

Sir H. B. Barton

The law as things are at the moment is a great and wonderful law, and has brought much benefit to the landlord. This is what it says:

To the landlord—fix the rent at the highest possible figure you think the tenant will pay. Never mind about the actual value of the property. If you have any difficulty in getting your money come to us and we'll give you a hand.

To the tenant the Act with commendable clarity says, pay or clear out.

The net result is utter confusion and barefaced robbery. It is the landlord who has the laugh every time.

There are many instances where there are two properties in the same street identical in value so far as bricks and mortar are concerned, yet one has a rent of £50 a year, whilst in the other case, owing to the circumstances of the tenant, the landlord has been able to extract the rent of £150.

These rents are taken as the basis of valuation for assessment purposes, consequently it means that the one is paying about £80 a year, and the other £250. The water rate on the one house would be £3 15s. a year, whereas on the other about £16 16s. So long as rates are assessed on the rental of property, things like this will go on.

A SHOPKEEPER came to the end of his lease, his rent being £45. He had established a good business and desired a renewal. Right, said the landlord, you can have a seven years' lease, but the rent will be £200 a year and there is a premium of £1,000 to pay.

The tenant scraped together the £1,000 and paid

The Rip Van Twinkle

by A. G. GARDINER

SOMETHING is alarmingly wrong when this country, the greatest industrial nation of the world, takes it for granted that every mechanical ingenuity and labour-saving device must come from abroad. How long will Britishers be content to be "also rans"?

IT is no use crying over spilt milk, and I do not propose to add my tears to those which have been plentifully shed over the devastations of the Great War of 1926. Nor am I going to waste words on who was to blame. Who made the war? is always as difficult a question to answer as Who won the war?

In this case, it is true, the latter question admits of an easy answer, for no one has won the war. Everyone has lost the war—owners, men, trade unions, labour, capital, the nation, the taxpayer, the consumer, the present, the future.

If anyone can be said to have won it is the foreign countries which have been picking up our trade while we have been engaged in committing national suicide.

Let us turn from this humiliating story to the lessons which are the only dividend we have got out of our extravagance. If we are not in a penitent and receptive frame of mind to-day we are past hope.

But I think we are. I see signs on every hand that the crisis has shaken us out of our rut and that we are facing the problems of industry in a more enlightened spirit.

A remedy that only aggravates

Take what is happening just now in the cotton trade. That great industry, one of the chief pillars of British prosperity in the past, has, like every other staple industry, been under a cloud of depression for five years. It has combated that depression by the expedient of working short time.

It has been a wonderful achievement of loyalty and self-sacrifice on the part of both masters and men. But has it been right? As a means of meeting a temporary emergency, of weathering a storm, it is undoubtedly right.

But a depression that has become chronic for five years is not an emergency; it is a disease. The tide of trade has gone or is going from Lancashire, and short time is no cure. It may even aggravate the disease.

A week or two ago that view was put forward by that brilliant and speculative economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes. His point, briefly, is that the thing that is wrong with the cotton trade is its antiquated methods and its low standard of efficiency of production.

We have lost world trade because of the high cost of production, and running short time, instead of striking at the root of the trouble, aggravates it by enhancing the over-head charges.

A terrific revolution

What is needed, he says, is the adoption of the cartel system which will ruthlessly eliminate the inefficient factors, increase the financial resources, provide more efficient selling and bring the whole industry into one organic whole. He may be wrong or he may be right. What he proposes is a terrific revolution.

But the significant thing is that the Lancashire manufacturers, instead of saying, "What does this Cambridge professor know about the cotton trade?" have called him in to put his ideas before them and to have them thoroughly examined. That is a striking illustration of the new frame of mind in industry of which I speak.

I see in it the promise of a universal disquietude about our methods, and an overhauling of the whole machine of industry. Our success in the past has blinded us to the fact that our mechanism is out of date, and that foreign competitors, notably America and Germany, coming late in the field and having to fight for every market where they found us installed, have adopted newer and better ideas of production than we have.

The results of our self-satisfied complacency and of their energy and modernity are now being felt in a score of fields.

I illustrated this a few weeks ago by the way in which that great agricultural machine industry, of which we used to have the monopoly, has passed to America, and by the fact that in a common commodity like the domestic oil stove we not only have ceased to compete, but have almost entirely lost even our own home market. This instance could be multiplied indefinitely.

Mr. J. M. Keynes, M.A., C.B., the brilliant economist, who considers that we lose trade by antiquated methods and low efficiency

I went the other day over a great printing works, where I saw monthly magazines being produced by a marvellous machine that took the paper in at one end and delivered the book at the other bound, stitched, cut, covered, ready for sale.

America's flying-start

I asked where the machine came from. "Oh, America," said the owner in a tone that suggested surprise that it could be supposed that it came from anywhere else.

But, says the employer, we may be lacking in enterprise, but consider our handicap. Consider the attitude of labour to industry, machinery and production. Well, let us consider it, for the question is at the root of our decay. There is no point in denying that America has established an industrial relationship that gives her a flying-start in the race.

While in this country the attitude of employer and employed is that of hostile camps engaged in intermittent civil war over the body of industry, in America masters and men are working in harmony to produce cheaply for their mutual advantage and the benefit of the public.

There is nothing there like the mobilised antagonism between Labour and Capital that we see in this country. That antagonism is the root of our industrial and commercial disease and its removal is the only way to cure our disorders.

A golden opportunity

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Mr. Baldwin spoke not long ago of his desire to establish "Peace in our time." Now is his opportunity to give shape and form to his ideal.

Let him summon all the best minds of Capital and Labour to a round-table conference to work out a Locarno Treaty for Industry and to redeem the tragedy of 1926 by making it the starting-point in a new and happier era.

n Steps In

by Lieut.-Col. Sir H. B. BARTON

(*President, Leasehold Reform Association*)

it. He then discovered that he was to be assessed on £1,000 plus the increased rent, the total assessment amounting to £413.

He had the impertinence to object and was told, if he did not agree, he could clear out and he, the landlord, would carry on the business himself.

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I know a street occupied mainly by small traders who, with their forebears, have lived and carried on their little businesses in the same place for the last hundred years. The leases have run out and no new ones have been granted. The traders are permitted to carry on as monthly tenants at an increased rent.

For the past twenty years continual attempts have been made to bring about a fair and equitable assessment for rating purposes. But nothing can be done till the leasehold system is changed.

Last year, when I was chairman of the Valuation and Rating Committee of the Finsbury Borough Council, every property was revalued. My contention is that 50 per cent. of assessments in the borough are actually fixed not on the value of the property but on the value of the tenant's business.

THE leasehold system must go, but only an informed and determined public opinion can remove it. We must have a leaseholders' Bill of Rights which may be summarised as follows:

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IS ANYBODY SANE?

by G. K. CHESTERTON

A LITTLE while ago a girl left a place of detention for those called "feeble-minded," where they are kept because they are incapable of work or responsibility; she slipped away, got employment somewhere and went on working.

Need I say that she was pursued, with the idea of recapturing her and putting her back into prison for doing what she was not mentally competent to do? For it is a gross violation of scientific law to be able to earn your own living, when a doctor has discovered that you are unable to earn your own living.

She was seized again by the officials, presumably to be punished for one of those new crimes that are becoming so delightfully common with the multiplication of new laws. She was punished for having done what she could not do. I suppose she was locked up for being a contradiction in terms.

The father's fate

A father, whose daughter had been let out of the institution on a holiday, held the strange view that if his daughter was sane enough to be at large, she was sane enough to live with him as his daughter.

He therefore refused to return her to the custodians, who had either let a lunatic loose or else tried to trap a free person into a madhouse. Such was the intemperate view that he took of the case, he being also afflicted with the curse of reason.

He has been sent to prison; and I have very little doubt that he will be sent to prison again. These are the things that make us all admire scientific progress so much.

Tyranny is of all times and types of civilisation or barbarism. But the tyranny of our own time and our own type has three strong, unmistakable marks.

The first mark of modern tyranny is Hypocrisy. The old tyrants often had a sort of sincerity, even a sort of humility, in so far as they confessed a human motive; hatred or revenge or insulted vanity and pride of place. The old tyrant showed his weakness when he showed his strength.

The two Herods

It is the mark of all modern oppression that it is like a machine, admitting no weakness; but it is a machine that has to be oiled with unctuous rectitude and philanthropy.

Even Herod was human in so far as he confessed to fear; but the modern Herod would simply say that he was acting in the *true* interests of the dear children, and diminishing the infant population for the sake of those who survived.

The second mark is something that can only be called Infinity. It is something that is very little understood and something that it is very important to understand These people consider it a mark of broad-mindedness to be unable to draw the line anywhere.

They are proud of ignoring the old common-sense lines that were drawn between different things; as, for example, between the real lunatic and the ordinary sane man.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton

They represent all things like lunacy as merely relative and a matter of degree. Thus they have invented a number of intermediate types with indeterminate titles, upon which the whole business of the Feeble-Minded Act is founded.

A universal risk

Feeble-minded is simply another word for weak-minded. And who is there who could not at some time be thought by some to be weak-minded?

The old law on these matters was based on the idea that a lunatic was something like a leper, dreadfully definite and distinct. The new law is based on the idea of treating everybody as more or less unwell; just as nearly everybody in cold weather may tend to have a slight cold.

Lunacy was not a crime, but it had to be proved like a crime; it had to be as clear as a crime. And we could not (in those quaint old days of freedom and common law) do anything to a man merely because he savoured of something.

We could not punish a man because we thought him burglarious, but only if we knew him to be a burglar.

Now in the new spirit of the indeterminate sentence (which proceeds from a mind that cannot determine anything), all this may be modified; but the point at present is that in the case of mental irresponsibility it is abolished altogether.

Anybody who is backward in childhood, as the ablest men have been backward in childhood, is called feeble-minded and locked up. Anybody who is eccentric in habit, as the greatest geniuses have been, is called feeble-minded and locked up.

Of course we shall be told, with eager solemnity, that it does not really hurt anybody to be locked up. The only answer is that the people who were themselves locked up have not generally seemed to think so.

The men who have been killed trying to escape, the men who have leapt from towers or dashed out their brains upon walls, seem to have preserved a diseased appetite for liberty.

Hypocritical explanation

And I will add that the man in modern times, of whom I have spoken, who goes to prison again and again to prevent his daughter being locked up, seems to have been an advanced case of the same malady.

Of course, the official detention will always be conspicuous for its humanity. In other words, the official explanation will always be conspicuous for its hypocrisy.

The philanthropist will boast that nowadays he can treat every lunatic as a human being. By which he means that nowadays he can now treat every human being as a lunatic.

The third element, after what I have called Infinity, is what I can only call Intimacy. It is the fact that all this modern tyranny must be an intimate tyranny; or one attacking primarily the most private things.

If you take literally and fanatically such phrases as "The State must guarantee the health of the citizen" or "Hygiene is one of the first concerns of the commonwealth," it is obvious to anybody who can think that all that has ever been called liberty or property or privacy automatically disappears.

The tyranny not only must penetrate to private life, but it must begin in private life. It is much *more* important whether the citizen snores in his bed at night than whether he speaks at the street-corner in the day. It is much *more* vital to consider how he eats than how he votes.

The folly about the feeble-minded is only one illustration of this new tyranny from within.

The State tyrant

It is always a matter of opinion whether Tommy is too backward to be quite normal or Jane too nervous to go to school. But in these matters of opinion, some importance used to be attached even to the opinions of Jane's mother or Tommy's father.

This tribal tradition of protection or taboo has been quite abolished; and the State tyrant acts directly in the nursery as much as, or even more than, in the market-place.

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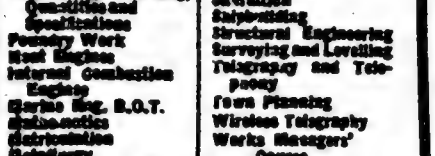

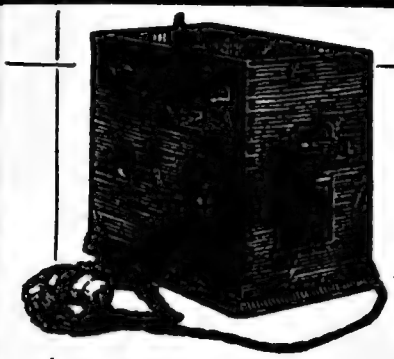

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MY DREADFUL PARISH

by The Rev. C. B. ROACH *(Priest-Vicar of Southwark Cathedral)*

STANDING in the middle of Blackfriars Bridge and looking along the Victoria Embankment a very beautiful bit of London may be seen. But on turning round and looking southwards a hideous and squalid picture meets the eye. The riverside wharves and warehouses, especially at low tide, present a scene that resembles a nightmare. On crossing the bridge into Blackfriars Road, the contrast with the city is so great that it seems almost like another world.

And as the side streets are entered the squalor increases, and exclamations rise to one's lips, "So this is London! This is the capital of the British Empire! This is one of the richest cities in the world!"

The London slum is not the creation of yesterday. For centuries the slums have existed, but things are not so bad to-day as they were years ago when Charles Dickens wrote "Little Dorrit."

Unpalatable truth

Although much has been done, the horrible conditions under which people live are, in some areas, still so bad that a reporter remarked, when shown round the worst districts: "Only the pen of a Dickens can do justice to this!"

And it is because slums are plague-spots, where health and decency are so hard to secure, that it is the duty of every citizen and every Christian to continue to protest and denounce until the appalling conditions in which many of the working classes have to live are swept away.

But the way of the preacher is hard. The clergy of the Church of England have often been condemned for keeping silent. Now we are being abused for speaking out. Prime Ministers and others tell us to mind our own business, or, like Lord Melbourne, complain, "Why can't they leave it alone?"

Even some of the dwellers in the slums do not thank the would-be reformer for his pains. They regard him as a meddler and busybody.

But the great majority who live in the slums bitterly resent their degrading surroundings and long to escape from them.

The blight of the slums

As one poor woman living in my parish wrote to me: "I would give the world to have a healthier place in which to bring up my little ones; but this place seems to brand us, and we cannot get anywhere else if they know from where we come."

One of my club boys said: "Some time ago I applied in person for a job; but when I told them where I lived I was at once turned down." He is one of our Sunday-school teachers.

Once you live in a slum, it is very difficult to get out, even if you want to. A slum is something like a prison, and some of the prisoners do not hate their chains.

Why, then, are some of the clergy of the Church of England to-day, in increasing numbers, lifting up their voices against slums? Because by them the work of our day-schools and

The Rev. C. B. Roach, who recently raised a hornet's nest by denouncing the Southwark slums

Sunday-schools is not merely neutralised, but almost entirely rendered hopeless.

School teachers in blackest London know the circumstances of the homes and the streets in which the children spend their days and nights. Children of both sexes sleep together long after they should do so. Many of the children go to bed very late.

Horrible conditions

One of my own choir-boys told me on a Sunday morning that he did not go to bed the previous night till midnight! Out of school hours the children have nowhere to play except the streets.

The overcrowding has to be seen to be believed. It is no uncommon thing to find eight or ten people living in two rooms, and almost as many in one room. The children see and hear all sorts of things which they should not. It is not uncommon to hear language of the foulest on the lips of quite small children.

Public-houses abound in slum areas; heavy drinking is still far too common. Perhaps some drink to drown their misery.

But where children have a drunken father or mother, or both, the resulting conditions may be imagined. The children are sometimes underfed and underclothed.

Further, many casual labourers live in the slums. The riverside work is often very irregular. The family income varies from week to week. Uncertainty and insecurity haunt their lives.

But these are not the only things to be heard and seen in the fetid areas of slumland.

When I read the criticisms of my recent sermon which aroused so much criticism, I at once thought of the words of one of the Psalms: "Eyes have they and see not; noses have they and smell not." For a sensitive nose is sorely tried in Southwark.

A hero's home

In some rooms it is necessary to burn artificial light all day long. High buildings keep out the air as well as the light. And when, as sometimes happens, the works are going at full speed all night long, it is extremely difficult for the people to get undisturbed sleep.

The lack of adequate lavatory accommodation is another crying evil. Two for over thirty people! And the smell from garbage, dust-shoots, dustbins and the lavatories is offensive in the extreme.

Can it be wondered at that there is a great deal of illness among the children? One of our cleverest boys won a scholarship admitting him to a better school. But he was taken ill, and has been ill for months.

His mother said, "He will never get well in these rooms: we have so little light and air." He is now away in hospital and slowly recovering.

A man told me, "My wife has never been well since we came here." In this particular home rats are a great nuisance. I was told that they even killed a rat in the bedroom! This man was a soldier during the war. He is still waiting for the homes for heroes!

One very cheery young fellow said, "We have a nice three-roomed home, consisting of the doorstep, the passage, and the dustbin; and we are going to take another room, the flower-box on the window-sill, for a lodger!"

Blind leaders

Isaiah denounced the landlords of his day: "Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!" But how naughty of him! How he would have shocked the borough council!

The inhuman conditions in which the slum-dweller lives result in cruelty, both to children and to adults. And must not cruelty be denounced? Must not the waste of infant lives be denounced?

I have drawn a black picture of the parish I live in. I am writing of what I know and see daily. But there are no people so blind as those who won't see.

And there is something in the New Testament about blind leaders of the blind not altogether inappropriate to those who deny obvious facts.

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BOGUS MAJOR'S ASTOUNDING CAREER

Pearls and Prohibition

VARIETY is the very spice of life, and few people, we should imagine, can have followed such a varied career as Major Harvey-Bathurst, the full details of which are here unfolded for the first time.

But, whilst his career embraces variety, there is nothing creditable about it, and the major is at present undergoing an eight months' sentence for sending an indecent communication to a young girl.

On two specific occasions we have published words of warning against certain of the major's schemes.

Bathurst bowed to our attacks with a well-feigned air of injured innocence. Almost daily he would ring up on the telephone to assure us that he was a wronged man, and he also wrote voluminous epistles emphasising the fact that he was "a very harmless individual *in all things*."

A clever actor

After one interview, which proved nothing except that the major was a superb actor and a plausible talker, he begged for another opportunity of explaining everything. This we denied him because there was little about him that we did not know.

His real name is Pugh, and quite early in life he fell into the hands of the police for petty theft. During the latter part of the reign of Queen Victoria he served two sentences for fraud, one of twelve months and the other eighteen.

He was destined to bring still further disgrace upon his family name before he thought fit to adopt an alias. After an interval of two years he was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for stealing cycles.

His next sentence was one of four years' penal servitude for larceny, which he subsequently capped with one of five years for the same offence!

It was after this, apparently, that he assumed the name of Bathurst, though he contented himself by using the simple initials A. G., and did not affect the "Harvey" and the hyphen until later.

Topping the bill

In the early days of the war he became an official in the remount service, but he was not satisfied with restricting his abilities to that cause. He formed an "Empire Battalion," which faded away after a court of enquiry had been held by the then Provost-Marshal of the London district.

In the course of this enquiry, Bathurst, who was conspicuous by his absence, was very severely criticised.

When the war was eventually over this irrepressible adventurer blossomed forth as Harvey-Bathurst and toured the music-halls with a famous artiste, whom he married, and by whom he was later divorced.

He went all over the country and "topped" the bills with a turn called "Harvey-Bathurst's Great Organ." For a time the venture proved very profitable. Then Bathurst got behind with his instalments for payment of the organ.

A dubious title

The makers seized the instrument, with the result that Bathurst had to seek fresh worlds to conquer.

At about this time he figured in the Bankruptcy Courts: but he was by no means at the end of his resources. He popped up again, serene and unperturbed, as "Major" W. Harvey-

Major Harvey-Bathurst

Bathurst, Secretary of the Anti-Prohibition Association, at an office in Regent House, W.

It may be as well to remark in passing that Bathurst's claim to the title of "major" is highly dubious. He never held His Majesty's commission, but has been known to boast that he had served as an officer in the Turkish army?

Pearls and propaganda

In the name of the Anti-Prohibition Association, Bathurst sent out curious circulars to hotel-keepers and the like, requesting them to raffle a string of "Rajah pearls" amongst their staff and so help to increase "the association's propaganda fund."

It was for this end that "the committee" had "authorised" on very advantageous terms the purchase of 50,000 "Rajah pearl necklaces" to be disposed of at one guinea apiece.

In spite of the fact that there was more than one reference to "the committee" in Bathurst's circulars, his was the only name thereon.

This ingenious scheme soon fizzled out, but not before it had brought a public disclaimer from the Anti-Prohibition League, which has the Earl of Lonsdale as president, and which hastened to let the public know that it was in no way connected with Harvey-Bathurst's pearl necklace organisation.

The "major" next launched out as "Harvey-Bathurst's Enterprises." Under this heading on his notepaper appeared in smaller type "'Mountain Lovers,' 'Woman of the World,' etc., etc., etc."

Victim's sad experience

This scheme seems to have been conducted chiefly with the object of getting into touch with women and girls. Bathurst's weakness in that direction has twice landed him in the divorce court, but on that side of his character we do not desire to dwell.

His next big ventures, and one in which the public might very easily have lost money but for our timely warnings, were his "Harvey-Bathurst's Caravan and Motor Tour, Ltd.," and an African Big Game Expedition.

That Bathurst was utterly unscrupulous in his dealings with others is instanced in the unhappy experience of a lady whom he engaged as a typist at the time when he was boosting his pearls and prohibition stunt.

The major gained her confidence at the outset by helping her to recover certain money that was due to her from a third party.

Having established confidence Bathurst shortly afterwards obtained £125 from his typist, to whom he offered a share in his "business."

When the "major" launched his caravan project the lady in question had no suspicions concerning his integrity and readily advanced him a further £65 when he said that he was temporarily short of money.

A little later on the plausible employer obtained a further £150 from his typist, handing her post-dated cheques in return.

A strange motto

The first doubts arose when these cheques fell due for payment and were returned by the banks marked "R.D."

Meanwhile, the unfortunate lady had already paid out various other amounts for charges in connection with the business, and to this day she is something like £150 out of pocket.

Such, then, is the true record of Harvey-Bathurst—well-bred, plausible, resourceful, but unprincipled, unscrupulous and depraved.

The motto of his Anti-Prohibition Association was "Drink with Honour." When he was on trial at the Old Bailey the other week his counsel sought to excuse him by stating that he was sodden with drink when he penned the indecent letter.

Comment is superfluous, but drink was only one of many failings which contributed to this remarkable rogue's downfall, a downfall for which he has only himself to blame.

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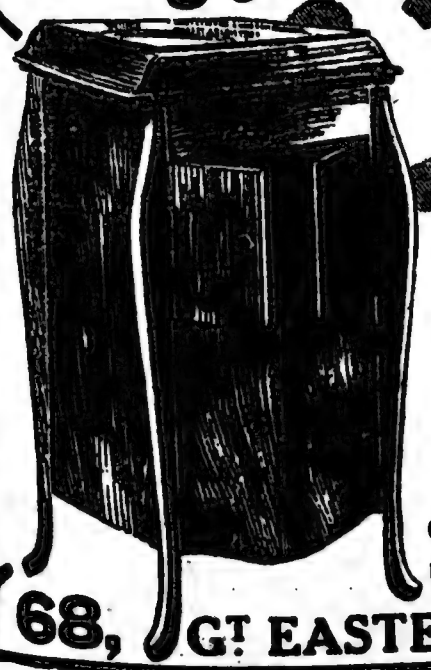

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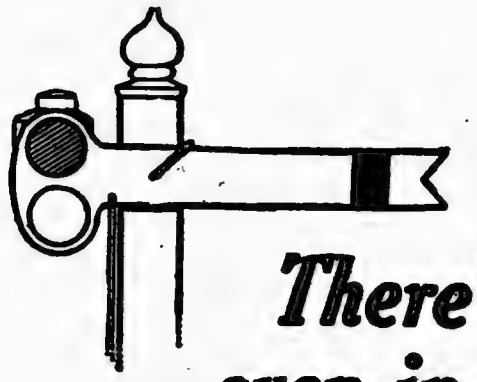

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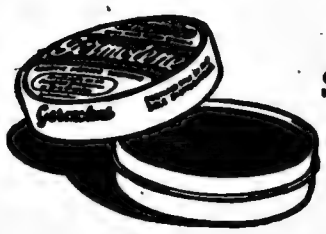

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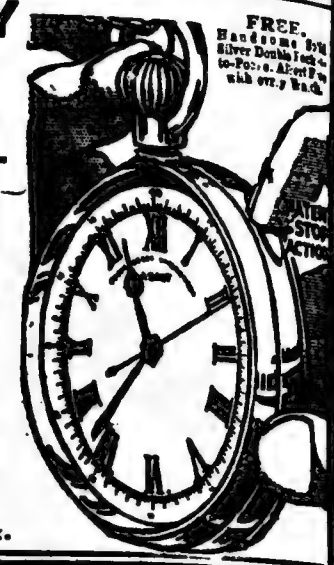

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A "LAG'S" LOYAL WIFE

OOR Flossie Graham—I know just how she felt. I remember when a lad crying eyes out.

The doctor had been called to my her, and as he went away I ran him to ask if she was going to He looked at me kindly for a ute; then he patted me on the d, and said very tenderly, "Poor d."

Whether it was the tone of his e or a childish presentiment of ing evil, I cannot say, but I do ow that I sobbed and sobbed and bed.

So when Flossie Graham came to me, and I saw there were tears in eyes I knew quite well that her ng heart had already tasted of 's bitterness.

"Mum's poorly," she told me, "and Wilson sent me here. She said would send somebody to make her ter."

ples that valled

It is not customary for a hospital attend patients in their own nes. That is the work of the l doctor. But who could deny plea of a little child whose spirit in anguish?

So not many minutes later a friend I went back with that girl to her me.

"Her home," I say; well, if the ing affection between a mother her two children make up a home, dismal, comfortless garret in lico would rank with any in the t. But as a place of shelter it not fit to house a dog.

e one ught

The only light came from a small e of glass let into the roof, and e was no fire burning, not altoher because of the coal shortage, because there was no place to have .

I must not "get going" about sing conditions else all my space l be used, and my story will remain told. But the sight of that ailing man in such surroundings was ough to sicken a saint.

When we entered she tried to stand to greet us, but the effort was too ch for her, and she sank back, hausted.

Little Flossie was by her mother's side in a flash. "These gen'lemen will make you better, mum," she said, and there was such a ring of assurance in her voice that I vowed,

Philip Inman

if human skill could do it, the trust of that little child should not be misplaced.

Whilst my friend made his examination, Flossie and her little brother watched his every movement. When it was over we waited for the verdict. "She ought to come into the hospital at once to have an operation," announced my friend.

"No! no! Not that," cried the woman hysterically. "I'm scared of it." Then she added hurriedly, "Not for myself, but for my children. They've only got me, and if I'm taken they'll have nobody to look after them."

In vain we urged her not to delay, and the only concession she would make was, "Let me wait just a month; he'll be out then, and maybe he'll see to them."

Poverty's kinship

So, finally, we arranged to send her some medicine to relieve her pain, and promised to see her again in a day or two.

"It's the poor that help the poor"—how true that is! As we were going out, the woman who occupied an adjoining room beckoned us both inside.

"How's the poor soul?" she asked, and we told her.

"It's a sin and a shame," she went on. "There she is, a hard-working, respectable body with two bonny bairns, and a reg'lar villain of a man. He's inside now for six months for 'spiking.' It's a pity it wasn't three years."

We asked this woman to use her influence with her neighbour. "That's what I'll do right gladly," she responded. "And if it's Flossie and Jack she's worriting about, I'll look after 'em, bless 'em."

Rewarded effort

So well did she succeed that within two hours Mrs. Graham was in the hospital, and so well did the hospital do its work that in a week the patient's name was taken off the danger list.

But that week was not without its anxieties. Flossie and little Jack were called down late one night as the mother felt herself "sinking." The sight of those two put new heart into her, and she safely weathered the storm, but for an hour or two it was a very near thing.

From that moment she never looked back, and to-day she is going to a convalescent home to regain her strength before she returns to that restaurant in Soho where she works from morning till night for a wage that is barely sufficient to keep body and soul together.

When I saw her the other day, I said, "You'll be glad to get away for a bit of a change." She smiled faintly.

Duty first

"Yes," she said, "but I'll be thankful to get back home again to my children." Then a shadow crossed her face.

"Besides," she went on, "he'll be coming out soon, and if he wants me I mustn't let him down." In disgrace and ruin, he was still "her man," the father of her bairns.

I know someone who is going to see that convict husband when he comes out of gaol in the hope that even yet a little bit of Paradise may find its way into Pimlico.

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

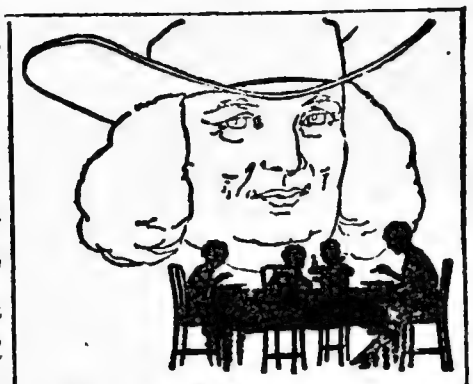
FRANK HOLLAND

Another world we were to see
In war time we were told.
What is it it seems a bit
More battered than the old.

Two curses prey on men to-day
Whose work is standing still.
The one's a curse upon their purse
The other on their skill.

This pampered pig, absurdly big,
Has too long held the trough.
He's overfed and better dead
So let's now kill him off.

It can't be nice to be precise,
It must give one a shock,
To have to place with any grace
Your head upon a block.



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WAR or Peace? This is the question before the whole world. The people desire peace, there is no doubt; they must say so with a uncertain voice

WON'T THE DEVIL DIE?

by Vice-Admiral S. R. DRURY-LOWE, C.M.G.

THE tendency of all nations at the present time is towards peace.

It is little enough progress that has been made in the eight years that have elapsed since the war, that was to end war, came to an end.

Still, it is something to be thankful for that statesmen and politicians are, in the main, seeking peace.

This may seem an unwarranted statement to make, but an examination of political history during the past few years will bear me out. Practically all international disputes have been settled round the conference-table, and more than one ugly situation has been cleared up by peaceful methods.

Unfortunately, the old methods of diplomacy are still much in evidence, yet the fact remains that arbitration or some form of specific settlement is coming to be recognised as the only reasonable way of dealing with international disputes.

When every country pledges herself to this principle, half the battle of peace will have been won.

The missing lead

Many countries are already prepared to do so or are, at any rate, definitely favourable towards the idea. Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, Italy, Switzerland and others have concluded treaties and settled all disputes in this way, and the prospect of a majority of countries doing likewise would be fair indeed were the Great Powers to show the way.

But the idea of being definitely pledged to substitute law for war does not seem to appeal to them all, and certainly not to Great Britain, if we are to judge by the attitude of her present Government.

This was made clear by her delegates at the sixth Assembly at Geneva last year, and the Foreign Secretary, speaking in this country, has declared that no great Power could consent to arbitrate on questions which affect its national honour or vital interests.

He does not see his way to do so, even as far as justiciable disputes, which is really all the League of Nations wishes to achieve for a start.

The reason given at the sixth Assembly was that we prefer to reserve the right to choose between arbitration and the

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Council of the League of Nations, which really means we are retaining a loop-hole for war.

It would be hard to estimate the effect on smaller nations were we to declare our readiness to take the pledge—to sign Article 36 of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Conference or cannon

Until we depart from this steadfast attitude, I can see little hope of any big advance towards the goal for which all men of good will must strive.

It is of little use to point to cruiser programmes and similar activities of all nations and attack that. It is equal futile to rave of immediate disarmamen

If nations will not pledge themselv to arbitrate, they imply the possibility war, and those who are responsible f the defence of a country must see to that their job is done.

But if each Government decides stand by the conference-table rather th by the guns, then side by side, step step, the reduction of navies, armies a air force can be effected.

Appalling apathy

On the other hand, perhaps it is n surprising that Governments are slow a hesitating.

They have so many other importa things to do and peace may not see to be a pressing problem when there no war on.

The force of public opinion is not y mobilised sufficiently to compel Gover ments to act, and consequently progre is slow.

The general public is apathetic. Th do desire the absence of war, but they not care to agitate for the positi presence of peace. There is still su picion and fear to be encountered a much distrust to be removed.

There must be a great awakening of classes to the urgent necessity of creati a great public opinion in favour of pea at home and abroad. Industrial str will go on for ever if we do not meet it the same way as we must tackle t international dispute.

Whatever the difficulties, no mat how long the road may be, we must ha peace, international and industrial.

The public must wake up to its r sponsibilities and public opinion mu grow in strength, surmounting so obstacles and removing others, until last it has forced Governments a statesmen to carry out its will.

It must be a people's peace, created a preserved by the weight of public opinio

The Sentence of the Court

A GOOSE IN GAITERS

Bunkum from the Bishop

WEARING a halo of self-righteousness, the Right Reverend Herbert Hensley Henson, D.D., Lord Bishop of Durham, stepped into the dock and entered a plea of "Not guilty" to the charge of conspiring against the liberty of the people.

"In dealing with this distressing case, I have no wish to offend the susceptibilities of any churchgoer," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C.; "but the public must be protected.

"The following extracts culled from the prisoner's speech at a sitting of the Church Assembly need no embellishment from me. Amongst other things the accused said:

"'The maintenance of the Lord's Day is the very backbone of the working system of the Church of England, and unless the secularising habit can be arrested the Church will be quite unable to fulfil its appointed function.

"'How can a clergyman teach if his church is empty because his people are away motoring? How can Sunday-schools be preserved if the teachers are away on their motor-cycles and the children are looking on at games which others are playing?'

"These words, I submit, are capable of only one interpretation. The Bishop is opposed to Sunday pastimes and recreations, not because he believes them to be sinful—for he himself has admitted that there is no sin in playing games on Sunday—but because he is afraid of any competition with the Church.

"If he had his way he would condemn everybody to a Sunday devoid of any amusement or recreation whatever, hoping thereby that sheer boredom would drive the sheep to his fold. He would allow no sports, however innocent and healthful, to be played on the Sabbath day."

* * *

For the defence, Mr. Strawsplitter argued that his client had acted in accordance with his religious beliefs. It was the duty of Churchmen to fill their churches on the Sabbath, and if people preferred playing games to listening to sermons, the only thing to do was to ban all Sunday sport. The Sabbath belonged to the Church, not to the people, and the people must be made to realise that important truth.

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"After the broad-minded and commonsense views expressed by other Church dignitaries at the Church Assembly, is indeed regrettable that the prison should have given vent to the utteranc quoted by learned counsel," said M Justice Bull.

"As the accused admits that he se no sin in Sunday games, it is difficult find an excuse for his outburst.

"But if he is so lacking in knowled of human nature as to believe that Sunday recreations are forbidden t people will hasten to embrace the Chur that has robbed them of their harmle pleasures, I am afraid a rude awakeni awaits him.

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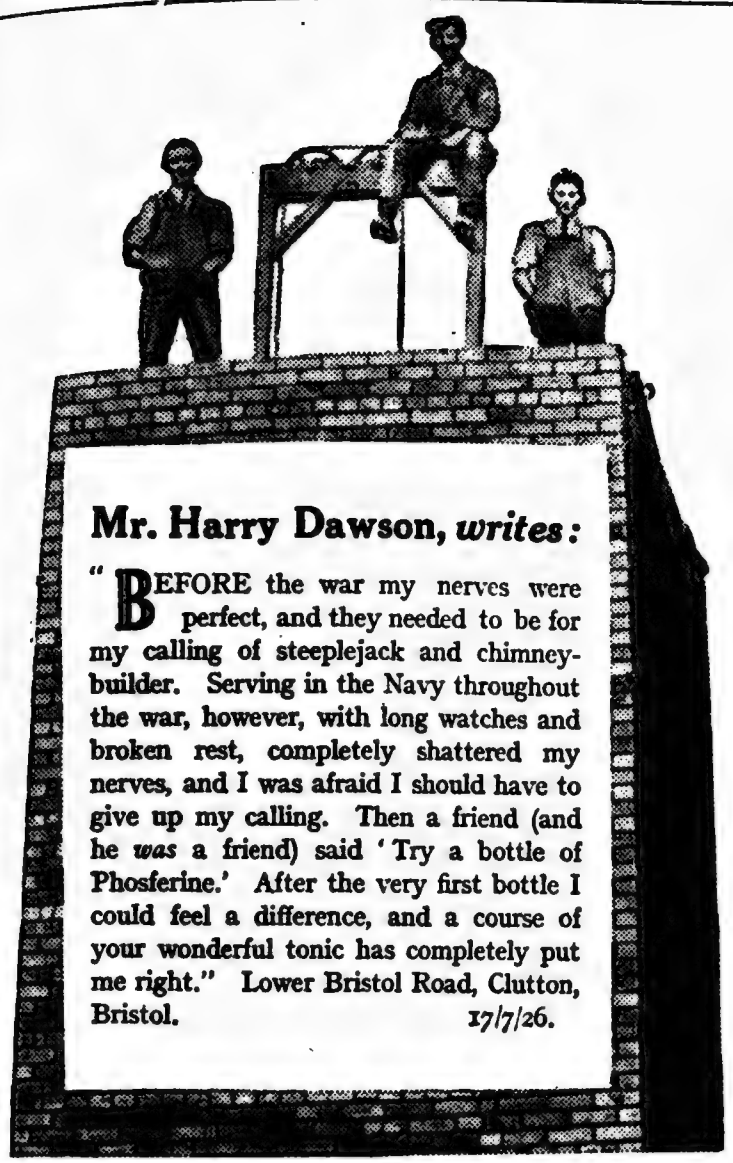
"I accordingly impose a sentence six week-days' imprisonment in a co pit."



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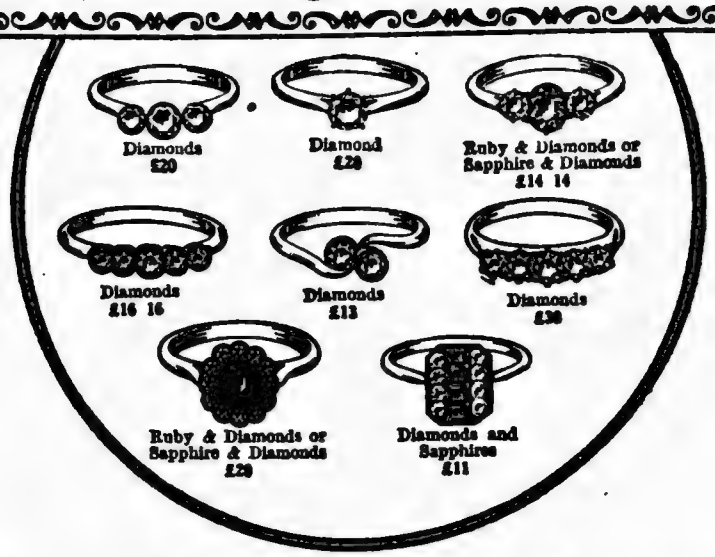
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CHILDREN have a right to happiness, a right to play, and a right to education. How far is civilisation robbing its children of these things, is what every thinking man and woman must ask themselves

SLAVE MARKET KIDDIES

by **MABEL HORNER**

AT Antrim, the Education Committee has passed a resolution asking the Ministry of Education to ensure that part of the rural children's school holidays shall be arranged to coincide with the seasons for potato planting and potato harvesting. Child labour is cheap for that sort of work.

This motion cutting into Antrim children's right to play and romp was proposed and seconded by two gentlemen in holy orders. Shepherds of the lambs, indeed!

But in Donegal a champion has arisen, determined to fight this question of Irish child labour. Councillor Charles M'Phelimy stood up in the council chamber and scathingly denounced it.

It had existed, he said, for years, even under the British flag. Under native government it is even worse. There could be no sight so pathetic as to see school children of tender years standing in the market squares waiting to be hired. Like slaves in the old market at Cairo they stand with their little bundles, ready to go out to farmers in remote districts, away from school and the care of their parents.

Stuff for the labour market

Some go to kindly households; others to churls who keep them on the run from morning until night, determined to get the last ounce out of them.

Councillor M'Phelimy hates this child slavery. He wants every child to have a chance in the sunshine, with all its faculties developed to the uttermost.

We could do with a few Councillor M'Phelimies in the rest of these islands. Over here, in England, in Scotland and in Wales, we do not take the children to be potato pickers, nor stand them in the market places with their little bundles under their arms.

But we have a strong body of interested people who only look upon the children (of others) as profitable stuff for the labour market.

The equal chance

Lord Eustace Percy has already hinted that educational facilities may have to be curtailed because of the depletion of the treasury due to the coal stoppage. It is not an argument that would be adduced if armaments were in question; but that is by the way.

What really matters is the fact that in certain quarters an attack is being made upon the education of the children of the workers. It should, say the alarmists, be made "vocational"—that is, every child of poor parents must have a certain kind of education, very different from the sort of education given to the rich.

"The desire of the working man of to-day," declared Lord Percy on one occasion, "is to use the school to get his son into some black-coated occupation, and to keep him away from skilled labour."

Bluntly, that is not true. The working man has no objection to his son becoming a skilled craftsman. What he does object to is the assumption that his own son is, by some mysterious decree of providence, born only to be a dullard, able to swing a hammer or wield an axe, but nothing more.

He wants his son to have the same chance as other sons, and resents any attempt to fix upon this country a rigid caste system. And he is right.

Skilled men and women are the great need of the age. We want them in every department of life. Happily, most children rejoice in the use of tools; they would become skilled if they had access to properly equipped technical schools.

The Right Hon. C. P. Trevelyan, M.P., who, as Minister for Education, formulated a scheme building an educational ladder up to the Universities for every child of ability.

The abominable thing is to suppose that because a man handles tools for his living he must necessarily be a dullard.

The cleverest craftsmen are those with their mental faculties fully developed. Agriculture, for instance, might have been in a very different state in this country if that fact had always been recognised

A holy war

The duty of the State is to provide education for all its children, not to pick out a few here and there for a chance. That is why all schools should be bright and beautiful and all the schooldays of all the children filled with joy and happiness.

The holy war started in the sister isle by Councillor M'Phelimy must be carried on. For if any civilisation sees in its children nothing but profitable little slaves for the market-place, it is doomed.

Cads in Red Coats

by **MAJOR A. LIVINGSTONE OKE, Assoc.R.S.M., Assoc.R.C.Sc., A.I.M.M.**

The chasing of a poor half-tame deer into the sea at Minehead and its subsequent ruthless murder was only an example of the brutality that can be perpetrated in the name of a so-called "sport," it would be bad enough and the nation-wide wrath aroused thoroughly justified.

But it is much more than that. It is an appalling illustration of the mentality of the class which—admit it as we may not—rules the destinies of the nation.

Major A. Livingstone Oke

The same men who chased that harmless deer to its brutal death are the rank and file of the "Conservative" Government; the upholders of "tradition"; the inspirers of the politics of some of our most widely circulated papers; the controllers and inheritors of all, or nearly all, of the nation's wealth; the most loyal supporters of the Church, the Services, the State and every institution and "vested interest" throughout the land.

They and their relations are the first to volunteer in every national emergency, from a war to a general strike, the firmest believers in the tradition of "decent citizenship," the most tenacious adherents of all the rules of any game they happen to play.

In other words, they probably represent, both personally and in all their family connections, the very acme of all those virtues which we, as a nation, are so eager to claim as "British and best."

THEN why do they commit this outrage on the feelings of all those millions of other equally decent—if not quite so wealthy or well-born—English men and women who feel in their hearts that this deed was a foul deed?

If these same men saw a crowd of small boys chasing a dog around the streets of a town or village and finally killing it in the open square, what would they do? And what would all the respectable tradesmen do if they saw it happening? They would stop it, to a man, of course!

But if a mounted gang of excited huntsmen chased a terror-stricken deer through the same street, would they call it "sport"? I wonder.

The truth of the matter is that we are still only partially civilised, and we are not yet able to think clearly on any matter that is involved in a cobweb of so-called "tradition."

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"That was six months ago, and all the work I have had since is five days' navvying. I have travelled hundreds of miles on a bicycle looking for work. I have applied to firms on the King's Roll and to the British Legion, but no man will employ me in this village or elsewhere.

"My wife goes out to work; but for her my two children would starve. I am in this position to-day through serving my King and country, and hundreds of others are the same.

"I feel now that it would have been better for my wife and children if I had been killed in France. I wish, however, your great paper would let the British public know how a disabled ex-soldier looks at it."

"HUMANIST" says: *I have suffered so greatly myself through the war that you may be assured of my sympathy and of any assistance I can give. I think, however, you are inclined to attribute your distress to wrong causes. The fact that you have worked for two years at your trade until six months ago proves that you are employable, and your present condition seems to be due almost entirely to the general trade depression. Apply once more to the British Legion through the local secretary for help in obtaining work, and let me know if you are not successful.*

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"AFTER four years of happy married life we are expecting a little one to complete our joy, but, according to the present-day landlady, this is a nuisance.

A Child-Hater

"We have been living in two unfurnished rooms for nearly a year. When we came, the landlady informed us that she hated children, and would not have them in the house.

"I feel I dare not tell her what I am expecting, and I have been trying to find rooms elsewhere. The task seems hopeless, and I am in despair. Wherever I go the cry is the same 'No children.'

"My husband is a Civil servant, so his money is sure, but we cannot afford a big rent.

"We have lost a little lately through the reduction in the cost-of-living figures, and 15s. for two rooms seems quite enough to pay, yet £1 was demanded of me for two rooms with no security of tenure, and probably the fact that I am going to have a child made the landlady regard me as an undesirable tenant.

"All we want is somewhere to call a home where we can live in peace, but I feel in despair of being able to find anywhere decent to live, simply because I want to live respectably, and do my duty as a wife and mother."

"HUMANIST" says: *Whatever your political or sociological opinions you should realise that you are paid by your employer to work in the interests of his business, and your sole duty seems to be to serve customers and not enter into political arguments with them. Though you may say what you like out of business hours, so long as you accept your employer's money you must consider his interests and keep a curb on your tongue.*

"I AM a shop assistant in this district. Taking it as a whole, it is a place strongly conservative. During business hours we get all classes of customers, rich and poor, educated and ignorant (I mean ignorant so far as politics are concerned), and most of them I may say are very bigoted.

Business and Politics

"My employer does not believe in crossing customers' opinions, as it may affect his business. On the other hand, I do not believe in letting the customers have all their own say and agreeing with them if I do not hold the same opinion.

"One customer comes in and says one thing, another comes in and says exactly the opposite, and a third may enter and express an opinion differing entirely from the other two, and so on. My employer would practically agree with all three for business reasons.

"We have had a few arguments during the coal strike through my disagreeing with customers' opinions.

"I feel I cannot stand by and hear men whom I know to be very hard-working and thoroughly sincere run down wholesale and called a lot of wasters, yet it appears that I must either tacitly agree with outrageous views or run the risk of losing my job by pointing out the other side of the question."

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Lest We Forget

THERE are thousands of ex-Service men who gave the best years of their lives to their country's service in dire distress at the present time, and the condition of their little ones is, in many cases, most pitiable. You can show the children that you have not forgotten their fathers' sacrifice by sending a subscription to the "Greatest of These—— Fund"

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"FOR nearly twenty years I have been keeping company with a man who has been well known to my family since childhood. He is now forty-five years of age, and we became formally engaged thirteen years ago.

A Wasted Life

"We had always been happy together and I quite thought that he cared for me as much as he declared he did at the beginning of our courtship until about a year ago, when for no apparent reason he stopped coming to see me.

"He has so far offered no explanation of the change in his attitude; twice I have written to him asking for one, but he has ignored my letters.

"I cannot understand his attitude or what can have happened to change him so completely. He was always made welcome in our home and his coming was a great pleasure. Now I feel so terribly lonely, and after all these years no other man can take his place in my life.

"Do you think, 'Humanist,' that perhaps one day he will feel how much he has hurt me and come back again? I go on hoping so. Please help me."

"HUMANIST" says: *I think it is a shameful thing that a man should waste twenty years of the best of a woman's life and then treat her so callously. Such a man does not appear to be deserving of the least consideration. Write to him again insisting upon a declaration of his intentions, and if his reply is unsatisfactory take action for breach of promise.*

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An Offensive Idea

"About fifteen years ago my brother bigamously married a girl of sixteen who has lived with him since and borne him three children. He has treated her shamefully, and I have grown very fond of her. Would it be right for us to marry?"

"Humanist" says: *Whether such a marriage as you suggest would be legal or not, it would surely be offensive to your sense of decency. If the woman is cruelly treated, she should leave your brother and apply for maintenance for his children.*

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Puzzled Old Age

"Fifty years ago, when I was twenty, I left home and changed my name. Now I am in need of the old-age pension, but I fear I shall have difficulty with my birth certificate. Can you tell me what to do, as I am in great distress?"

"Humanist" says: *Make your claim in the ordinary way and explain the circumstances to the pension officer. Your name need not matter much, so long as you can establish your age, and there are many means of doing so other than by birth certificate.*

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A Sister to Assist Her

"I have a sister fifteen years old, living with my father, who has remarried. Her stepmother makes her life a misery, and she wants to live with me. My husband is quite willing for me to have her. How can I do so?

"Humanist" says: *Ordinarily, a girl is under her parents' control until she is sixteen, but there is nothing to prevent your applying to the court for the custody of your sister and your application would be granted if the court thought it best in the interests of the child. When she is sixteen she can choose for herself.*

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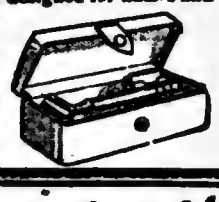

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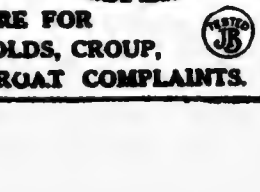

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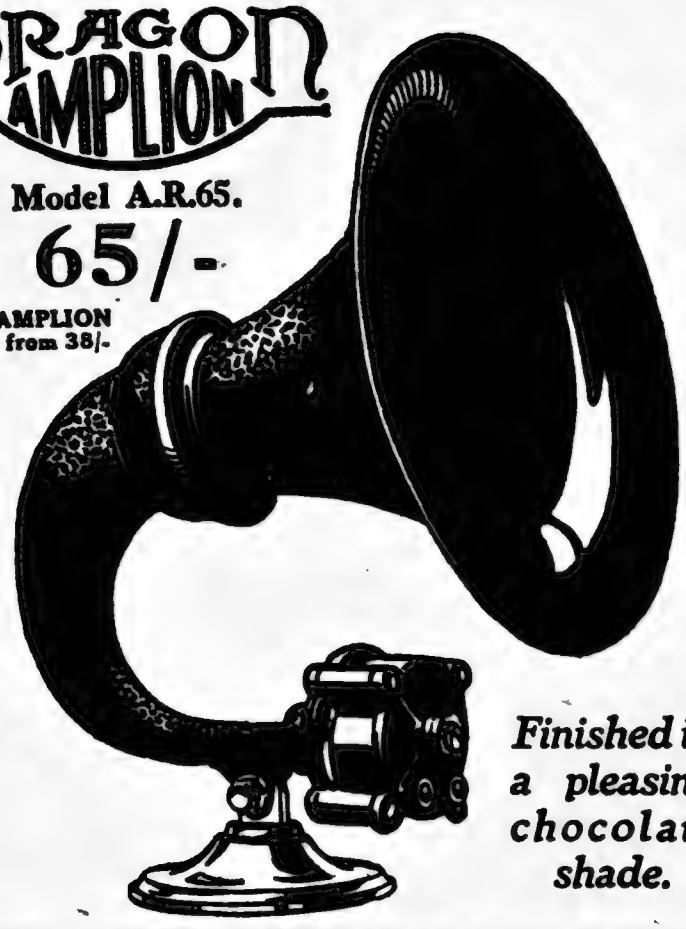

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Radio Notes

Romance of Radio

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THE story of radio begins with the thoughts of a great mathematician, James Clerk Maxwell, who, fifty years ago, put forward his theory of the travel of electric waves through space.

Although Clerk Maxwell did not actually detect the waves or measure them experimentally, his theories enabled him to state their velocity of travel.

It is to Heinrich Hertz that credit is due for the actual discovery and detection of the radiations or electro-magnetic waves produced when an electric spark takes place.

In his laboratory he had a spark-producing machine, and some distance from this was a loop of wire with a slight gap between the ends.

Hertz found that when the sparking machine was operated, another spark jumped across the gap in the loop of wire, although there was no connection between the two pieces of apparatus.

SEVERAL years passed before the practical and commercial possibilities of the new scientific discovery came to be realised by such practical pioneers as Lodge, Muirhead and Marconi.

These scientists saw that the earlier work of Maxwell and Hertz must lead inevitably to the development of a wonderful means of signalling and communication, and they set themselves to solve the many intricate problems which still perplex the average man and woman.

The first practical demonstration of wireless telegraphy was made by Marconi, about ten years after Hertz's epoch-making discovery.

In the presence of representatives of the British Government, Marconi signalled by wireless over a distance of four miles in 1897, and before the year was out he sent a message over thirty miles between Bath and Salisbury.

Developments thereafter were most rapid. Within three years of the foregoing experiments, Marconi was signalling across the Atlantic from his high-power station at Poldhu, Cornwall, to St. Johns Newfoundland. This was in 1900.

WIRELESS telephony soon followed telegraphy, and the popularity of vocal transmissions and music has brought us to the commercial application of wireless telephony in the form of broadcasting.

In a future article, I will endeavour to explain in simple terms the waves as conceived by Clerk Maxwell and demonstrated by Hertz.

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SIR ERNEST BENN'S exposure of the building hold-up in JOHN BULL of November 20 leaves one amazed once more at the patience of the British people. Why should the building industry, on which the health and happiness of the whole nation largely depend, be controlled by exclusive combines of labour and capital? One wonders what would happen if the same conditions prevailed in other callings.—*F. P., Hathern.*

He'd to Ransom

The selfish and callous attitude of building unions and employers' associations calls for censure of the utmost severity. More and cheaper houses are the most vital need of the country to-day, and the contemptible activities of these combined bodies in monopolising and restricting labour and materials is nothing less than a criminal offence.—*C. A., Arbuick.*

No Trust!

It is all very well for Sir Ernest Benn to call for the sweeping away of the numerous housing Acts and regulations governing house-building; but does he not realise that the reason these laws came into existence was because the average builder could not be trusted? The housing of the people is too important a thing to be left to the speculator and the jerry-builder.—*F. L., Bucks.*

The Great Hindrance

Having been in the building trade for forty years, I can state that there is no octopus combine of employers and employed. The greatest impediment to house-building is the price of land. The house built forty years ago is 50 per cent. better than the jerry-built house of to-day, which is a disgrace to the trade. Fifty thousand of the best craftsmen in the building trade left the country from 1900 to 1914; that is why we are short of them to-day.—*S. L. H., Mitcham.*

Building "Duds"

Sir Ernest Benn is misleading when he states that the building unions have been allowed a monopoly as regards labour. The only stipulation the craft unions make is that the applicant for membership shall have served an apprenticeship. Thus the trade is supplied with competent men. Surely this is better than allowing "duds" to come in, and grasping employers putting them on working-class houses and their best men on luxury work.—*Building Operative, Devon.*

Paying for Nothing

To subsidise the building of houses for the benefit of builders and building-trade rings is not clever, and most certainly it is not business. That is largely the trouble with the old country to-day—always tinkering expedients which have to be paid for dearly by the taxpayer. The attitude of the unions in denying work to many good fellows who fought for them may give those responsible satisfaction, but, as a sectional attack on the well-being of the community, it is inexcusable.—*J. J. A., Birmingham.*

The Cause of Slums

Fifty to 100 years ago men's wages were very small, and builders had to meet the need for dwellings at weekly rentals of from 1s. to 3s. Less than fifty years ago builders were putting up town dwellings—jerry-built, box-like places—at rentals of 5s. or less, proportionate to increasing wages. Sir Ernest Benn will scarcely contend that these houses were "the best that can be built by anybody . . . with the money and the knowledge and the science available at the time."—*J. M. B., Manchester.*

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A Necessary Luxury

The assertion of Mr. E. Roffe Thompson that only Grade A milk should be sold is undoubtedly common-sense; but so far as the ordinary working-class household is concerned, wages are too low to allow the luxury of Grade A milk, and whatever may be its merits, its very purity puts it outside the reach of the very class who need it most.—*A. E., Durham.*

A Fearful Farm

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article reminds me of a farm not far from where I work. The farmer is breeding pigs from a sow suffering from cancer, and he knowingly sends them to market. The farm is in a scandalous condition. The cloths, for instance, through which the milk is strained, are washed in a horse-trough, in which are also washed cans, buckets and all other utensils used for milking, etc.—*Disgusted, Arundel.*

A V.C. Victim

The lot of the respectable working man who is anxious to obtain employment gets worse every day. In this district lately a chief constable published correspondence he had had with a well-known convict, still in prison with eighteen months to serve, promising him a job on his release, while not many miles away a V.C. was unable to get a job with the corporation authorities because he was over forty.—*Ex-Tommy, Preston.*

"Bullets" in School

I also have tried the making of "Bullets" for the English lesson, and the keenness of the children is splendid. This method is a real help in increasing the vocabulary of the child and also of improving his spelling. Besides this, one meets so many "Bullets" examples which are topical and, with a word from the teacher, they are a splendid help to general knowledge.—*Schoolmaster, Lancs.*

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The Greatest Humbug

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Agitate!

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome says with great truth "the working classes are not to be blamed for their agitations." Nothing was ever accomplished without there being some driving force—that is, agitation—behind the man at the wheel. JOHN BULL in a thousand ways has done more than any other journal in the kingdom to provide an open platform for the expression of grievances by all parties and persons. Who will say that JOHN BULL has not obtained some measure of relief, by agitation, for thousands?—*Leslie Leatham, Liverpool.*

Food and Sport

I read that the Patrington Ex-Servicemen's Colony is to be abandoned because "it cannot be run except at an estimated loss of £4,000 yearly." The same paper speaks of Lord Iveagh's 20,000-acre preserve, Elvedon, which is apparently not being abandoned, as no losses are mentioned there. It seems strange that 2,363 acres at Patrington cannot profitably produce food, but 20,000 acres at Elvedon can continue to profitably preserve sport.—*J. W., Newton Heath.*

A Banking Boon

The Government should adopt the idea of post-office cheques, as it would certainly prove an immense boon. France has done so and there has been an enormous growth in this direction. It is recorded that during the last four months there has passed through the French Post Office the sum of 122,007,544,708 francs. In our currency this represents to-day over £500,000,000.—*J. F., Bristol.*

Risky Drinks

As a N.C.O. of many years' experience of India, I can honestly assert that a large number of cases of "V.D." have been made possible by the official custom of placing all decent places of alcoholic refreshment in India "out of bounds" to British soldiers below the rank of sergeant. A private soldier who wishes to get a better drink than boiled water in such towns as Bombay, Karachi, etc., can only get it by going to the brothels. There, at fancy prices, he can get any drink he cares to send for, and it is not hard to imagine possible consequences.—"*Tope Khana Wallah,*" *Plumstead.*

The Battle for Peace

Tears came to my eyes as I finished reading Mr. Philip Inman's article, "A Message to Mars." War is cruel, hard and callous. On November 17 I attended the last meeting of C.O.P.E.C. Conference held at Cardiff during the week. One of the speakers spoke on "The War and the Young." He said that his son joined the forces in 1914 with the idea that he was going to fight for a good cause. Years in Flanders changed his ideas. During his last leave home he told his father: "I'm returning to-morrow with iron in my heart. And more, I can't answer one question, 'On what moral ground I'm going back?'" He shortly afterwards was killed. Is the world better? May God help us to fight for peace!—*J. H. T., Cardiff.*

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December a Month for Favourites—Mixed Doubles Show a Profit—The First Grand National—A Letter from Nigeria

THE never-say-die backers who have survived the flat-race season of 1926 will welcome the jumping campaign—and particularly the month of December—with open arms.

One Way to Win

This is one of the few months of the year when the favourites pop up like rare and refreshing fruit and, by following them in mixed doubles, backers are almost certain to be on the credit side of the ledger.

Few Fit Horses

Although the fields are of fair average size, most of the races in the early part of the season are one or two horse affairs. Few of the runners are fit. In fact, most of them are butter fat.

Over Seventy Favourites

Last year, racing in December was restricted owing to the bad weather. Several meetings were abandoned altogether, but in spite of this, over seventy favourites won during the month.

Three Years' Code Successes

My code selections will appear in the *Sporting Life and Sportsman* and the other daily papers advertised in column 4, and if I am as successful as I have been over the sticks in the past, I shall be quite satisfied. In 1923/4 these selections showed a profit of 22 points; in 1924/25 a profit of 35 points; and in the 1925/26 season a profit of 8 points.

Lord Derby

Lord Derby had another very successful season on the flat, ending the campaign second to Lord Woolavington in the list of winning owners. I understand that he is going to take a lively interest in the National Hunt, and that Captain Whitaker will have charge of his jumpers. His only 'chaser at the moment is his last year's purchase, Ireland's Hope, which did not fulfil expectations, but a number of his flat-racers may be put to timber-topping.

Capt. Whitaker, who will train Lord Derby's jumpers

Why Jumping is Popular

The jumping game is becoming more and more popular every year, and although the Tax is certain to restrict the volume of betting, I do not think it will have much effect on the attendances. Nowadays so many people go for the thrills and a day's outing. When one can spare the time it is a wonderful tonic. I know from my correspondence that the army of backers diminishes with the end of the flat, but judging by the requests I receive for a list of horses to follow, many punters enjoy a few wagers throughout the season.

Six for the Season

My six specials for the new campaign are:—

'CHASERS.	HURDLERS.
POSTINO.	MENDOZA.
SPRIG.	CYCLAX.
AMPULLA.	GOLD WILLOW.

I think these will show a profit if backed whenever they run. Not much is known of Ampulla. The gelding is a six-year-old owned by Sir Lycett Green, and there is ample time for him to develop into a National horse. The remaining five are known to most backers.

LIKELY WINNERS THIS WEEK

PRINCE REGENT is a useful two mile selling hurdler in Smyth's stable and should be noted for his Newbury engagement.

FOOTER has been backed like a certainty twice during the past few weeks. He should be given another chance in the Newbury Juvenile Maiden Hurdle Race.

FLEECY WAVE may turn up at a long price for Poole at Sandown Park on Friday.

DARRAGQ—once known as Welton—is a good 'chaser. He should show a profit as an each way investment in the Ewell Handicap Steeplechase.

WHITE MOUNTAIN is a likely winner at Haydock.

ARDEEN, on Saturday, is the best bet of the week. Sir Keith Fraser's horse ran very well in the Grand Sefton.

The First Grand National

I was delving into the history of steeplechasing the other day, and one of the quaint things I came across was the conditions of the first Grand National, won by the aptly named Lottery. The race was "a sweepstake of twenty sovereigns each, with one hundred sovereigns added; twelve stone each; the winner to pay ten pounds towards expenses. No rider to open a gate or ride through a gateway, or more than a hundred yards along any path, footpath or driftway." This hardly suggests Aintree up-to-date.

A Letter from Nigeria

The pick of my letter-bag this week has come all the way from a JOHN BULLITE in Northern Nigeria. With a covering letter he encloses a provisional programme, subject to alteration as the committee think necessary, of their October two-day race-meeting, and states that to those so far away from home it means Ascot. The races are on Saturday and Sunday, commence at 3 o'clock and end at 6 p.m. I like the sound of that.

Three and Four Furlong Races

One interesting event, the Flying Handicap, is decided over three furlongs. The winner receives a cup, the second £5, and the third £2. Another on the card is the "Lilliput Stakes," for all horses and ponies 14 hands and under. Weight for inches with penalties, 14 hands to carry 10 st. 10 lbs. Not being a Nigerian, weight for inches with penalties has me beaten. The Farewell Stakes, over four furlongs, catch weights 11 stone, concludes the meeting. I suppose this is all right, but it savours of wrestling. Thank you, Nigeria; your letter and enclosure are very interesting.

The S.L.A.S. for 1926

The Editor of *The Sporting Life and Sportsman* tells me that the "Annual Summary of Past Racing" for 1926 will be on sale on Monday next, December 3. You will remember I referred to the growing popularity of this "Little Red Form Book" in these columns last year, and now I can add a few more words in its favour.

Further Improvements in the Work

In spite of the satisfaction expressed with the 1925 issue, the producers are making still further improvements in the work. The new and future issues will be bound in a strong linenette cover; this is an innovation that will be greatly appreciated. The handy pocket size will, of course, be retained.

Racing Returns under Both Rules

For the benefit of my readers who missed getting last year's issue, I would add that, as its title implies, it contains returns of racing under both rules, the whole of which is carefully and accurately indexed. The price is 3s., and no student of racing should be without a copy. As a form book it is easily first. The S.L.A.S. is published by the *Sporting Life and Sportsman*, 27, St. Bride Street, London, E.C.4, and copies can be obtained direct from the publisher, post free 3s. 4d.

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, December 1, to Tuesday, December 7.

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WEEK-END COUPS

6 HOME.—Bolton, Sheffield U., Chelsea, Middlesbrough, Rochdale, St. Johnstone.
5 HOME.—Burnley, Newcastle, Notts. Co., Halifax, Brentford.
4 HOME.—Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Halifax, Exeter.
3 AWAY.—Sunderland, Notts. Forest, Dundee.
3 DRAWS.—Hartlepools v. Ashington, Luton v. Bristol C., Motherwell v. Celtic.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Bolton, Middlesbrough, St. Johnstone, Nelson, Dundee.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Middlesbrough, Notts. Forest, Stockport v. Chesterfield.
SPECIAL 5 HOME (League I. and II.).—Newcastle, Sheffield U., Chelsea, Middlesbrough, Notts. County.

FORECASTS FOR DECEMBER 11

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Bury, Everton, Huddersfield, Tottenham, Sunderland, West Bromwich, West Ham.
AWAY WINNER.—Newcastle.
DRAWS.—Blackburn v. Aston Villa, Leicester v. Burnley.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.—Barnsley, Blackpool, Grimsby, Manchester C., Notts. Forest, Portsmouth, Swansea.
AWAY WINNERS.—Preston.
DRAWS.—Fulham v. Wolverhampton, Oldham v. Hull, Reading v. Middlesbrough.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.—Bradford, New Brighton, Rotherham, Stoke, Walsall, Wigan.
AWAY WINNER.—Crewe, Stockport.
DRAWS.—Doncaster v. Halifax, Nelson v. Rochdale.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Bournemouth, Bristol C., Charlton, Plymouth, Queen's Park Rangers, Watford.
AWAY WINNER.—Swindon.
DRAWS.—Crystal Palace v. Bristol R., Gillingham v. Brentford, Newport v. Brighton.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Hamilton, Hearts, Morton, Partick.
AWAY WINNER.—Motherwell.
DRAWS.—Dundee v. Glasgow Rangers, Falkirk v. Queen's Park.

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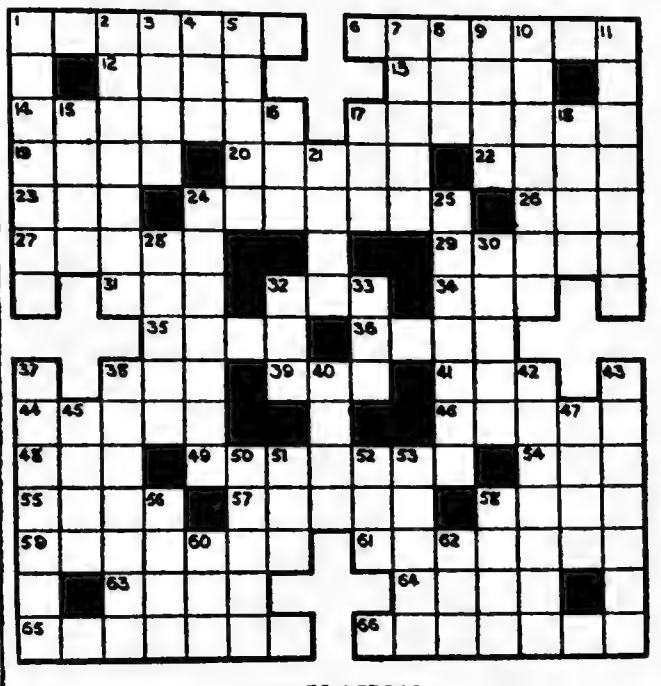

CLUES ACROSS

1. Garb.
6. Rubbish.
12. Stockings.
13. To let.
14. Wet weather.
17. Weakened.
19. Rent.
20. Lawful.
22. Simple.
23. Insect.
24. Seasonably.
26. Form of address.
27. A bailiff.
29. An inn.
31. Nothing.
32. Stitch.
34. Donkey.
35. Titled dignity.
36. Against.
38. Sever.
39. Affirmative.
41. To spread.
44. Near.
46. Upright.
48. To endeavour.
49. A slanderer.
54. Genus of serpents.
55. Plans.
57. Pertaining to the kidneys.
58. To become vapid.
59. Variable.
61. Pertaining to the fingers.
63. Male children.
64. Measured quantity.
65. Feared.
66. Degraded.

CLUES DOWN

1. Baked milk and eggs.
2. To contract.
3. The metropolis.
4. Employ.
5. The blackbird.
7. A space of time.
8. To be ill.
9. Musical instrument.
10. Loathes.
11. Aged.
15. Sharpening stone.
16. Although.
17. To confine water.
18. Large American lake.
21. To bestow.
24. Delayed.
25. To break in many pieces
28. Contagious poisonous matter.
30. Species of willow.
32. The heavens.
33. Part of the verb "to be."
37. Done in a perfunctory manner.
38. To write.
40. Dash.
42. Discussions.
43. Flying term.
45. Perverter of the truth.
47. African nut tree.
50. Delete.
51. Marsh.
52. Insane.
53. To suppress
56. A porch.
58. Where the leaning tower is.
60. Terminal.
62. The mouth.

The solution of last week's Cross-Word Puzzle is on page 46.

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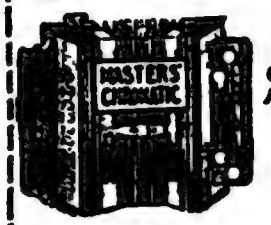

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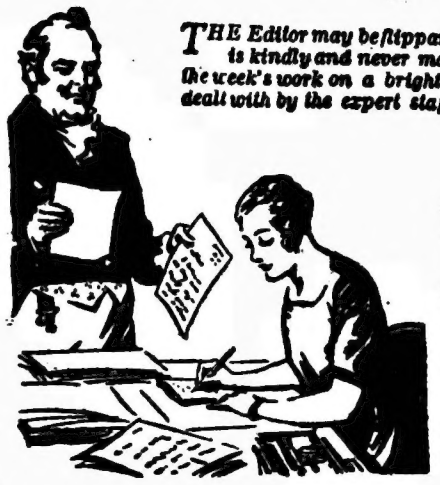

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service

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E. B. (Putney).—"Communism is losing ground." The Reds flag.

D. S. (Harwich).—"An M.P. should have brains." That's an original idea.

N. M. (Burnley).—"Nowadays a young man doesn't get on his knees to propose to a girl." No, she gets on his.

F. M. (Hull).—"I bought my wife a puppy." Now she won't be so lonely when you're away.

L. P. (Hackney).—"There's no smoke without fire." Ever tried to burn foreign coal?

R. S. (Widnes).—"My face has altered of late years." Perhaps you shave carelessly.

S. S. A. (Chepstow).—"Please tell me how I can make a name for myself?" Reverse your initials.

TOM (Baldock).—"When I say 'No' I mean 'No.'" Your negative is very positive.

L. L. (Cockermouth).—"What is your real opinion of Russia?" Just the country for a long Cook's tour.

MARIE (Clitheroe).—"Both I and my sister believe in dressing modestly and quietly." Anything to attract attention!

B. C. (Redcar).—"How does the land lie for building round London?" It doesn't lie. It leaves that to the agents.

Miss T. (Leyburn).—"I will starve before I will write anything but the most correct prose." Yes, we fear you will.

G. M. (Lincoln).—"Money is the root of all evil." We would like to plant a few such roots in our back garden!

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R. P. (Wrexham).—"The vicar asked after my son and I have only a daughter." Considering the shingling mode this was an excusable clerical error.

"HANDICAP" (Preston).—"When I hit the ball it soared out of sight with a big clod of earth stuck to it." That was a bit out of the common.

G. G. O. (Taunton).—"How do you treat your superiors?" Very seldom.

L. T. E. (Stratford).—"I missed my train home." So you caught it?

S. S. (Pelton).—"He always cuts me when I speak to him." Snob? or barber?

A. L. Y. (Cardiff).—"I went shooting this year at my uncle's place in Scotland." Did you manage to hit it?

G. O. N. (Margate).—"If only we could see ourselves as others see us." We shouldn't believe our eyes.

T. R. A. (Cranleigh).—"I often drink your health." Don't do it too often, or you are likely to lose your own.

MRS. G. (Blackpool).—"My new cook is the tallest woman I ever saw." No need to worry, she won't stop long.

FANNY (Halifax).—"Is it any good to dream of the impossible?" Certainly, so long as you go on working to make it possible.

M. P. (Leigh).—"I think I should have made a good martyr in the Middle Ages." You're certainly dry enough to burn well now.

L. D. (Radlett).—"It's funny the way a girl pretends to hate a man if he kisses her." And funnier still the way she really does if he doesn't.

J. S. T. (Sudbury).—"I have my own ideas about what constitutes a living wage." Which vary according to whether you are paying or receiving it!

Miss L. (Langcliffe).—"I intend to marry a dark-haired man." Judging from your letter if you marry at all you'll marry a light-headed man.

Miss K. (Kingston-on-Thames).—"What ought I to do when he assures me his word is as good as his bond?" Get the bond.

A. J. (Bramhall).—"I always read the morning paper at breakfast." Doesn't tripe disagree with you so early in the day?

B. W. (Putney).—"A married man should make it clear from the start that he is the master." He who hesitates is bossed.

H. V. (Manchester).—"Modern girls are becoming frivolous." We've noticed that a lot of them have become light-headed lately.

L. M. (Dudley).—"I always do the shopping for the family when the wife is ill." Pater manages to cater when mater can't.

J. F. (Rochester).—"More than once I have had to punish my small son for tampering with the bath geyser." He seems to have a special genius for getting into hot water.

N. A. W. (Colchester).—"Have you faith in odd numbers?" Only in number one.

O. T. E. (Berkeley).—"I am trying to get a job in a bank." There's money in it.

H. A. I. (Oswestry).—"I wish my dreams would come true." Then wake up!

L. R. D. (Sheerness).—"Flirts should be punished." They are. They get married.

D. T. N. (Saffron Walden).—"Mine is a hard lot." But grumbling will only make it a lot harder.

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A. H. (Abergavenny).—"Do you advocate homework for children?" Well, it teaches father a lot.

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JACK S. (Eye).—"I am very fond of a certain young lady." Don't let her be too certain about it, though.

MRS. S. T. (Radlett).—"I always take notice of the still small voice." Most women ignore their husband's advice.

N. T. P. (Plymouth).—"I do not know what fear means." Such ignorance is lamentable in these days of cheap dictionaries.

E. N. D. (Morden).—"Two lunatics broke out of a local asylum." Perhaps they thought they wouldn't be noticed in the crowd.

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MRS. S. N. R. (Stafford).—"My husband never speaks crossly to me. He is just perfect." We should call him just cautious.

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Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle published in our last issue.

This week's puzzle is on page 43.

"The Greatest of These . . . . . .

Kiddies in Ruins

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